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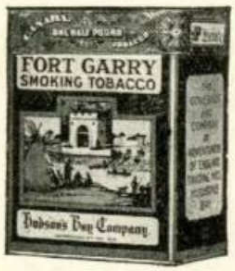

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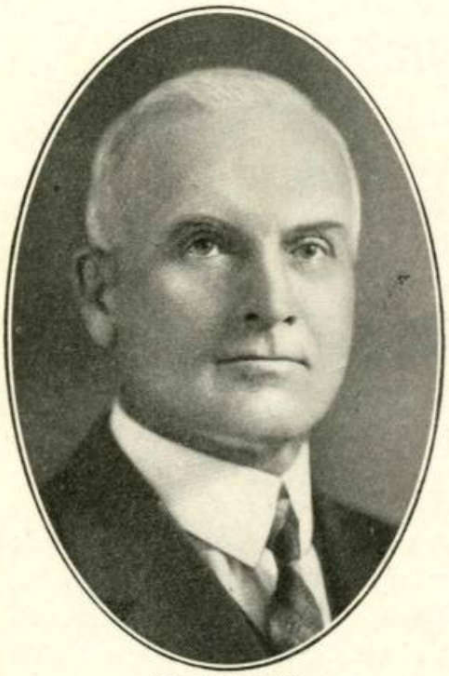
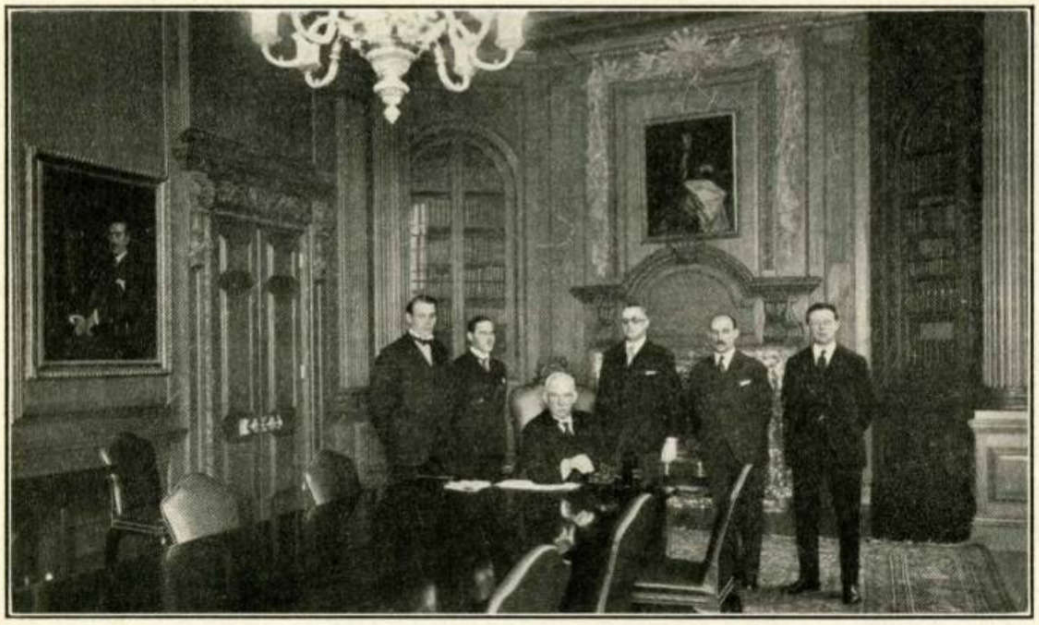
Robert J. Gourley

The announcement of the appointment of Robert J. Gourley as a member of the Canadian Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company was made by the Governor and Committee on 15th March, 1928. Robert J. Gourley was born at Brampton, Ontario, on 20th February, 1878, son of William and Mary Gourley. His parents settled in Manitoba in 1880. He received his education at the public schools of Birtle, Manitoba, and served his apprenticeship in the banking business. Mr. Gourley took up his residence in Winnipeg in 1906, and since that time has been general manager and director of Beaver Lumber Company Limited, which company operates a chain of lumber yards in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and having business connections in practically all the different railway lines and the important centres of the western provinces. Mr. Gourley is vice-president, Empire Sash & Door Company Limited; director, Western Manufacturing Company Limited, Regina; director, Monarch Life Assurance Company, Winnipeg; director, Northern Trusts Company, Winnipeg; director, Home Investment & Savings Association, Winnipeg; director, Manitoba Bridge & Iron Works Limited, Winnipeg.



Robert J. Gourley

We welcome Mr. Gourley and hope that his association with the Company will be pleasant and successful.



Governor Charles V. Sale and Party at Switch-board, Hudson's Bay House, London, England

London Lights Vancouver, U.S.

AT four o'clock on the morning of the 18th March, Governor Charles V. Sale in the Board Room of Hudson's Bay House, London, England, operated the telegraph connection which sent an electric current across ocean and continent to the city of Vancouver, Washington, U.S.A., an uninterrupted telegraphic distance of 7,500 miles. This is said to be the longest electric link-up of its kind ever attempted.

The flash was sent at the invitation of the president and members of the Vancouver (Washington) Chamber of Commerce and the occasion was the inauguration of that city's new lighting system on Main street.

The ceremony worked out without a hitch. Just prior to the connection being made by the Governor in London, England, all lights on Main street, Vancouver, Washington, were extinguished and thousands of people waited in darkness in anticipation. When the flash came through, 8 p.m. Pacific standard time, a blaze of light poured over and about the merry cheering crowds lining the streets. And thus the signal made by the Governor at 4 a.m. one morning reached Vancouver, Washington, at 8 p.m. the night before it was sent.

The interesting ceremony was made possible by the Western Union Telegraph Company, who arranged the following journey for the current: From London to Penzance, across the Atlantic to Bay Roberts, Newfoundland; to North Sidney, Nova Scotia; thence down the Atlantic coast to New York and across the American continent by way of Chicago, Omaha, Salt Lake City and Portland, Oregon.

The following is a copy of the cable sent by the Governor:

"On behalf of the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay, I have much pleasure in accepting the opportunity so kindly conveyed in your invitation of the 15th March for taking part in your celebrations and giving from Hudson's Bay House in London the controlling impulse which will set in operation the new lighting system of your city.

"This impulse will be given from the Committee Room, on the walls of which hang the portraits of King Charles the Second, from whom the Company derived its Charter in 1670, and of Prince Rupert, the first Governor.

"Here also are the portraits of Sir John Henry Pelly, Governor of the Company in London from 1822 to 1852, and Sir George Simpson, Governor in the Territory of Rupert's Land from 1821 to 1860.

"It was during the regime of these two great men that Fort Vancouver was established in 1825 and placed under the charge of Dr. John McLoughlin.

"He was succeeded in 1847 by Peter Skene Ogden, who, after the cession of the territory to the United States, transferred the Company's headquarters on the Pacific coast to Victoria on the Island of Vancouver, where the Company still carries on its trade as it does throughout the great Dominion of Canada.

"Fort Vancouver was born in the spirit of adventure and enterprise.

"While the stockade was still under construction, the Company considered proposals from Sir George Simpson for the establishment of a mail service from London via Hudson's Bay and Fort Vancouver to Canton in China and, though this project was not pursued, Fort Vancouver became the centre of the Company's trade with California in the south, with Alaska in the north, and with the Sandwich Islands in the west.

"The present occasion proves that your citizens have inherited this spirit of enterprise in full measure and is a happy reminder of the Company's early association with your city.

CHARLES V. SALE, Governor."

It is interesting to note that on March 19, 1825, almost one hundred and three years before, George Simpson, then Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, records in his diary the founding of Fort Vancouver:

"Saturday 19th. At Sunrise mustered all the people to hoist the Flag Staff of the new Establishment and in the presence of the Gentleman, Servants, Chief and Indians I Baptised it by breaking a Bottle of Rum on the Flag Staff and repeating the following words in a loud voice:

"In behalf of the Honble Hudsons Bay Coy. I hereby Name this Establishment Fort Vancouver. God Save King George the 4th with three cheers. Gave a couple of Drams to the people and Indians on the occasion. The object of Naming it after that distinguished Navigator is to identify our claim to the Soil and Trade with his discovery of the River and Coast on behalf of Gt. Britain."

George F. Galt

IT is with deep regret we record the passing of Mr. George Frederick Galt on 15th April, 1928, at his home in Winnipeg, at the age of seventy-three. Mr. Galt has been a greatly valued and highly honoured member of the Canadian Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company since its formation in March, 1911, and he was beloved of his colleagues on the Committee as well as of those whose privilege it was to serve the Company under his guidance.

George F. Galt

The life of Mr. George F. Galt may well be summed up in a tribute paid to him by one of his friends and colleagues: "Mr. George Galt was in a class by himself. His qualities of heart and mind made him beloved by family and friends and esteemed and respected by the public. He was a Christian gentleman, a fine sportsman, a husband and father that made for all that is fine, sweet and happy in the home, in business and in sport. He was a generous and public spirited citizen, a philanthropist, an able man of business affairs, a staunch, true and loyal friend."

The deepest sympathy of the members of the Hudson's Bay Company staff in every branch of the service is extended to Mrs. Galt and the family.

Mr. Galt was born in 1855 in Toronto, a son of the late Sir Thomas Galt. He was a nephew of Sir Alexander Tilloch Galt, G.C.M.G., one of the fathers of confederation.

Coming to Winnipeg in 1882, he played a notable part in the business life of Western Canada. With his cousin, John Galt, he founded the well-known wholesale firm of G.F. & J. Galt Limited. In addition to his duties as president of his firm, Mr. Galt was active in many other interests in the province of Manitoba and elsewhere. He was president of the Northern Trusts Company, vice-president of the Great-West Life Assurance Company, a director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, et cetera.

Mr. Galt served without remuneration for four years in Ottawa on the War Purchasing Commission, which controlled the purchase of war supplies for Canada. Characteristically, he refused a proffered knighthood.

For thirty-one years he served in various official capacities in the interests of the Winnipeg General Hospital and was also closely connected with the work of the Red Cross Society.

He was a Conservative in politics and attended the Anglican church. He took an active interest in athletics and sports. In his earlier days

he became a noted oarsman. He was a winner of many rowing championships, and in the seventies and early eighties he stroked the famous Argonauts, of Toronto, to victory on many occasions. At the time of his death he was honorary president of the Winnipeg Rowing Club, which he originally organized. He was president of the Winnipeg Skating Club, organized the Winnipeg Jockey Club, was commodore of Lake of the Woods Yacht Club, and in 1891-2 was president of Manitoba Curling Association.

Mr. Galt was buried in St. John's cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by His Grace Archbishop Matheson, assisted by Rev. H. R. Ragg.

H B C Officers at Montreal, 1871

Chief Factor Alexander McDonald

In September issue of *The Beaver*, page 63, a photograph of **H B C** officers appeared, regarding which a request was made for the name of the gentleman bearing the number 6. From Mr. T. C. Rae, Mr. J. Ogden Grahame and Mr. G. S. McTavish we have advice and confirmation that this is the photograph of Chief Factor Alexander McDonald.

Alexander McDonald appears to have been attached to the southern department during his entire service with the Company. He was clerk at Great Whale River during the winter of 1857-8. He was appointed chief trader as from June 1, 1866, when stationed, apparently, at Albany. He was promoted to factor in 1872, and soon thereafter was appointed chief at Moose Factory, succeeding Chief Factor George S. McTavish, a position which he held until his death, which occurred at Moose on September 7, 1875. He was buried at Moose Factory.

Chief Trader T. C. Rae, who worked under Chief Factor Alexander McDonald for three years, states he was a man of varied and exceptional ability, a wise, careful and indefatigable trader and a veritable encyclopedia of information. He had studied medicine and had a good working knowledge of land surveying.

Group of Hudson's Bay Company Officers, Winnipeg, 1909

Left to right—Factor Dr. Alex. Milne (Assistant Commissioner), Chief Factor William Clark, Chief Factor Archd. McDonald, Inspecting Chief Factor James McDougall.
Photo by courtesy T. Clouston.

The Church of St. Ethelburga the Virgin

By S. H. GROVER, Hudson's Bay Company, London, England

ON 19th April, 1928, a ceremony of great interest took place at the Church of St. Elthelburga the Virgin in Bishopsgate. It was the occasion of the unveiling and dedication of the fine stained glass window presented to the church by the Governor and Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company in memory of Henry Hudson, the English navigator, whose name, in virtue of his discoveries, is indissolubly connected with that of our grand old Company.

This little church—little, for it holds only about two hundred people—dates from the first half of the fifteenth century. It has passed through many stirring times in English history, and was one of the six city churches to survive the Great Fire in 1666. Further back, before the present building was erected, history is not quite clear, although there is reason to believe that a place of worship has occupied the site on which the present edifice stands since the year 1180.

On 19th April, 1607, Henry Hudson with his crew received holy communion in this church before starting on his first voyage of exploration, and on 19th April, of this year, three hundred and twenty-one years afterwards, the window given in his memory was unveiled.

A short service was conducted by the rector, Dr. W. F. Geikie-Cobb, after which the window was unveiled by Mr. Charles V. Sale, the Governor, who gave a concise and most interesting account of Henry Hudson's voyages. This instructive address was listened to with the greatest attention by all privileged to hear it. To members of the Company's staff who had the good fortune to be present, and to those of the fur trade department in particular, it was of peculiar interest. Some fifty years after Hudson's voyage, other pioneers, in the service of our first Royal Governor and the company of adventurers associated with him, followed in Hudson's footsteps and founded the first trading post in Hudson's Bay, bringing out the first shipload of furs to be graded and sold in London.

St. Ethelburga's Church nestles between two large buildings, one of which is our own head office. In this way, after a lapse of over three centuries, by a curious coincidence the past and the present have become the closest of neighbours.

Members of the Company's staff are proud of the fact that the window was unveiled by the Governor, as it is to his guidance that we owe the two fine buildings in London and the magnificant structures in Canadian cities, as well as recent developments in all directions of the Company's business. It seems very appropriate that to him should have fallen the honour of unveiling the window.

A True Bear Story

By C. HARDING, Hudson's Bay Company District Manager

THIS incident happened many years ago on the lonely shores of Hudson Bay, where in winter the terrible blizzard darkens the daylight and the wind strikes across the face like a razor. There lived within sight of the Polar Sea an old widowed Indian woman and her son. They had a small wood shack with an open fireplace in one corner. Of furniture there was none, whilst two heaps of rabbit skin robes piled on the floor were their sleeping quarters. There was no food; caribou and ptarmigan were very scarce that winter.

The old woman, addressing her son, said "There is nothing to eat. I will go and visit my rabbit snares; so do not go to your fox traps until I return. I may bring home a rabbit for your breakfast." The old woman put on her skin coat and rabbit skin mitts. Off she went to make history, the like of which was never heard before. After a short absence, the old woman returned and said to her son, "Hitch up the dogs and go and bring in the bear."

"Mother," said the son, "what are you talking about? What bear?"

"The bear I have just killed."

"Mother, are you crazy? How could you kill a bear without a gun or axe?"

"I killed the bear with my hand, and if you will follow the snare track, you will see the bear dead."

The son, to humour the old woman, went out and followed the snare track as directed, and, sure enough, about a mile out, saw a great polar bear lying dead in the track? He approached cautiously and examined the bear carefully, but could not make out how the bear had been killed, there being no sign of blood anywhere.

It appears that when the old woman started off to visit her snares, there was nothing in the first one. The second was disturbed. This she adjusted. The next one produced a rabbit. She murmured a prayer of thanks for the breakfast that was in sight. The poor old thing little thought of the big game she was to get next. The track now took a quick turn, and on going round, she ran right into a great polar bear and was so overcome with fright she was unable to turn and run. The bear stood up to seize her, and all she was conscious of was trying to push the bear away with her hands. Then she fainted.

It appears that she had pushed her rabbit-skin mitten into the bear's mouth. The mitten stuck in the animal's throat and choked him, and there woman and bear lay side by side, apparently dead, on a snowy white carpet amid the Arctic silence. The old woman, however, came to, and realizing that the almost unbelievable had happened, hurried home to tell the story.

Hudson's Bay Company Explorers

Chief Factor Samuel Black

By ROBERT WATSON

AFTER a period of over one hundred years, still another name is rescued from practical obscurity and added to the splendid list of daring fur traders whose exploratory achievements have done so much to open up the length and breadth of Canada. This man is Chief Factor Samuel Black, a typical fighting Nor-Wester who became a staunch H B C officer after the coalition of the two companies and who died at at the hands of a deluded Indian at Thompson's River (Kamloops) in 1841.

The "Voyage of Discovery from the Rocky Mountain Portage in Peace River to the Sources of Finlay's Branch, and North-Westward; Summer 1824" has been credited by Dr. George Bryce and other historians to one John Finlay, this apparently from the first and evidently unsigned portion of this journal certified by Chief Factor McDougall as being the journal of John Finlay.

The second and third portions of this journal have been missing all these years, and the possibility of their turning up in Canada had been practically abandoned, leaving the name of John Finlay as the discoverer of the source of the Finlay river.

Dr. C. N. Bell, of Winnipeg, has had in his possession for almost forty years an unsigned portion of a journal which recent investigation led him to believe was the original second portion of this so-called Finlay journal. It deals with the journey of the party to lake Thutade, the source of the Finlay, and ends abruptly on July 18, 1824, at that point.

Last year Thomas Clouston, an old H B C employee, gave the editor of *The Beaver* a journal which he stated had been in his possession for thirty-seven years, and which he considered of no value except that it was about one hundred years old. It had been picked up by Mr. Clouston shortly after the fire in 1891 in the grandstand on the H B C flats known as Fort Garry park, where a quantity of cases of H B C papers were packed, most of which were destroyed. This document bore the signature of Samuel Black, and, knowing the name as that of a chief factor in the Company's service, the editor of *The Beaver* was able to link it up with the exploration hitherto credited to John Finlay.

While transcribing this journal and searching for the missing part 2—just as Dr. Bell was for part 3—a casual conversation between Dr. Bell and him brought the two documents together, which establish beyond doubt that Samuel Black, then a chief trader in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company, led this party of exploration, his second-in-command being Donald Manson.

The value of this journal is considerable as it places Chief Factor Samuel Black in the forefront of British Columbia explorers. At the end

of Samuel Black's field journal he makes reference to a revised copy which he intended to make later. This copy was made by him and it has been carefully preserved in the archives of the Hudson's Bay Company, London, England. It is understood the entire document will be included in the volumes to be published by the Company.

Chief Factor Samuel Black was one of the famous "Greys" of the Nor'West Company. In 1814 he was at Isle a la Crosse and took part in the feud between the two companies at that time and place. In 1818 he appears to have been stationed at Fort Chipewyan, when he was a party to the arrest of Colin Robertson. In 1823, after the amalgamation of the two companies, he was in the St. John district when Guy Hughes and other four men were murdered by Indians, and in his journal he expresses his disappointment that the murderers at the time of his return had not been brought to justice.

The following extract from York Factory minutes of council dated July 5, 1823, sanctions Samuel Black's journey of exploration:

"*Resolved* 127th—That Samuel Black accompanied by Donald Manson clerk be appointed to conduct an expedition next spring for the purpose of exploring a tract of country laying on the west side of the Rocky Mountain from the head waters of Finlay's Branch to proceed as far north as the season will permit then recross the mountains in order to fall on some of the streams leading into McKenzie's River, and that he be fitted out by James Keith for that purpose."

Chief Trader Samuel Black was employed by the Hudson's Bay Company in the Columbia District during the whole of the period 1825 to 1841. The following is a list of the posts of which he was in charge: 1825-26, Fort Nez Perces; 1826-27, employed in the Umqua expedition; 1827-28, Cautainais post; 1828-29, Flat Head post; 1829-31, Fort Nez Perces; 1831-34, Columbia district; 1834-41, Thompson's River.

Samuel Black was promoted chief factor in 1838, and at his death was succeeded at Thompson's River in 1841 by Archibald McKinlay.

While in command at Thompson's River, he deeply resented some slighting remarks against the Company and the Company's officers made by David Douglas the botanist, in effect that there was not an officer in the Hudson's Bay Company with a soul above a beaver skin. Over this Black challenged Douglas to fight a duel. As it was already dark, the fight was postponed until the next morning. When morning came, Samuel Black was on the ground, but Douglas declined the encounter.

His death in 1841 was tragic because it was so unnecessary. The chief of the Shuswaps, Tranquille by name, had been reprimanded by Chief Factor Black, and soon after this the Indian chief fell sick and died. The chief's widow blamed his death on Black's "bad medicine," and she so worked on the thoughts of the chief's nephew that the latter, while partaking of Black's hospitality, raised his gun and shot him without warning.

Chief Factor Samuel Black was a brother of the late Dr. Black, formerly the editor of the London *Morning Chronicle*. He was a native of

Aberdeen and an early friend and schoolfellow of James Keith. Without having had the advantages of a classical education, he is said to have been a man of great mental as well as some literary attainments and was particularly interested in the geology and geography of the then only partially explored country of British Columbia. He is said to have been of enormous stature, with a slow and imposing style of address, and was altogether a remarkable man. At the coalition of the two companies, he was presented with a ring from his colleagues, upon which was engraved, "To the most worthy of the Northwesters."

First Impressions of Canada

By J. C.

ONE with ideas of Canada as being a land of hard labour is naturally expected to keep out of it. These were precisely my ideas, but—I came, I saw, I conquered. I mean I worked.

I have the greatest respect for the one-hundred-per-cent hard-workingness of Canadians. I have a very real admiration of their character, and a sincere gratitude for their helpfulness. I have a "but," and this is—I hope all nice Canadians won't mind—why is their language so thin? and why will they confound "will" with "shall," and "would" with "should"; or, for sake of variety, perhaps, combine future tense with conditional? Licence, the *noun*, is spelt "license"; "oral" is called "verbal." Tut! Tut! But *am* I right? A dictionary I pick up says I am not. Is English wrong? Am I—? I beg a crumb of support. I'm bewildered.

Were I permitted to get down to domestic things, I'd say that I now enjoy comfortable warmth in my house during winter; I need no longer delay going to bed at night for fear of getting rheumatism. But why is the bacon so tough? and why do the people eat cornflakes?

Beaver Braves London Fogs

The following is an interesting item taken from the *Times*, Chester, Pa., of date 2nd May, 1928:

Nearly one hundred and sixty feet above the London streets a copper beaver shows the people of Bishopsgate which way the wind is blowing. The unusual weather vane symbolizes the business of the Hudson's Bay Company, on the top of whose new building it was recently installed. It is made of sheets of beaten copper and is so delicately balanced that it can be blown around by the breath of a man. London atmosphere has a particularly deleterious effect on ordinary metal, but this beaver is rust-proof and will do duty in its exposed position as long as the building stands.

Split Lake Post From the Air

H B C Posts, Keewatin District

No. 8—Splitlake Post

By S. J. C. CUMMING, District Manager

SPLIT Lake post was established in the year 1886, and is situated at the north end of Split lake, which is part of the Nelson river. The post was first established to meet the requirements of a number of Cross lake and Norway House Indians who hunted in the vicinity. In the year 1888, however, a number of York Factory Indians came inland and settled in the surrounding country, the present band being their descendants.

The native population numbers some three hundred people. They are of the Swampy Cree tribe, Cree being the language spoken.

Previous to the construction of the Hudson Bay railway, supplies were brought from Norway House down the Nelson river to the post by York boat. This route was abandoned in 1916 and the supplies are taken in via The Pas to Landing river (Mile 279, Hudson Bay railway) and thence by canoe to the post a distance of twenty-six miles.

Since the Hudson Bay railway has been built, quite a number of the Split lake natives have settled along the line from Mile 214 to Kettle Rapids, Mile 330, making necessary the establishment last fall of a new post, called Gillam, at Mile 327.

The Anglican mission is situated about six hundred yards east of the post. There is no resident minister at the present time, the services being held by William Kitchekeesick, an Indian catechist.

All kinds of garden vegetables are grown at Split Lake with success. Summer frosts are practically unknown and the germination of vegetables, owing to the long hours of sunshine, is exceedingly rapid.

William Aitken was the first manager of this post, succeeded amongst others by the following: Alexander Flett, late Leslie Laing, A. C. Clark, and the present manager, A. W. Anderson.

Travelling by the Wind

By DR. JOHN MACLEAN, Winnipeg

IT has been a wonder to many folks, as it was to me in the early days, to learn that an Indian will travel in a straight line toward his destination over the snow-covered prairies without a single landmark to guide him, and never be lost. He seems to travel by instinct, and when you ask him how it is done, he only smiles without giving any explanation, and indeed is surprised that you should ask him. Pioneers are seldom lost, as they learn by bitter experience and usually camp when caught in a blizzard. At such a time they cannot depend upon their horses, as all animals travel with the storm till they find a place of shelter in a coulee or a bluff of timber. It is different with white men during the tenderfoot period of their western residence. When the prairie is covered with snow and all the trails are hidden, should the inexperienced man attempt to travel he will seem to be climbing a hill, as the snow is like a vast sea, rising to strike him in the face, and a bit of prairie grass or tiny shrub is magnified into a tree, and worst of all, in some unexplained way he will travel in a circle and be unconscious of his blunder. The Indians will sit in their lodges and laugh over the queer antics of the white man; but should he be lost and in danger of freezing to death, they will hasten to the rescue though exposed to danger themselves, and without any thought of compensation.

When Jerry Potts, the famous guide of the North-West Mounted Police, was directing the military force across the prairie, there came a day when he seemed to be puzzled, and Lieut.-Colonel James F. Macleod remarked to him, "Jerry, are you lost?" "Jerry no lost! Trail lost!" he replied.

Captain Wm. F. Butler, author of "The Great Lone Land" and "The Wild North Land," relates a story told him of a blind Cree Indian becoming separated from his party. In his attempt to overtake his friends he ran, only to become bewildered and go further astray. His destination lay over a hundred miles north, but he was in the country of the Blackfeet and in danger of being scalped. However, it was midsummer, and rotting carcasses of buffalo strewed the prairie, from which he could secure a scanty meal. With his face toward the north, which he could distinguish by the rays of the morning sun, he started on his lone journey. A blind man without a guide travelling over the vast expanse of prairie in quest of home, what a tragedy! And to find his way and reach his destination without a single mishap, what a wonderful feat!

Starting from Calgary for Macleod with a buckboard and a couple of horses, as it was the winter season, I joined Jim Scott, driver of the mail wagon, an old-timer of large experience, and we arrived at sundown at High River, which was the usual stopping place for the night. Next

morning it was snowing heavily, and we delayed a few hours, hoping that the storm would abate. When there came a short lull, we started out, only to be confronted by a howling snowstorm, blinding the horses, covering the North Trail, and clogging the wheels of the wagons. Darkness fell upon us near Mosquito Creek and we had still about twenty miles to travel to the Leavings, where we should find food and shelter. With an optimism born of the free and full life of the prairie, we had taken provisions sufficient for only a single meal, and when night found us stranded in a wild blizzard the food in our pockets was soaked with snow. We camped, tied the horses to the wheels of the mail wagon, climbed into the prairie schooner, and settled down for the night, but not to sleep. With the first streak of morning light, we shook ourselves vigorously to loosen our garments, which were frozen solid, and without food for men and horses prepared to start. Alas! The snow was over three feet deep and still drifting. My bronchos refused to travel, and there was nothing to do but to throw the harness on the buckboard and leave them to the mercy of the storm and help to satisfy the appetite of lynx and wolves. Twenty miles on the bare back of a broncho, with frozen garments, three feet of snow and nothing to eat, was less than inviting, but the goal beckoned us, so we steadfastly set our faces to go to the Leavings. Travel through the bleak and boundless ocean of snow was toilsome, dreary and slow. The horses struggled in the white hillocks, finding respite in bare spots here and there, where they sped along, eager to reach the end of the day's journey. But the man on horseback had an unforgettable task. The suit of buckskin thawed out by the constant motion on the bare back of the broncho, the dampness oozed through the garments to the skin, causing the limbs to chafe and become raw. As a bit of relief from the intense pain, an attempt was made to struggle through the deep snow, but the progress was not encouraging.

My fellow traveller of the mail wagon, in a whimsical mood, suggested that I take the lead in breaking the trail, and being still in the tenderfoot stage of prairie experiences, I readily assented. The plain became a hill which I was striving to climb, the snow rose as if it would strike my face, a small twig became a tree, and the loneliness was as a shroud in a sandy desert. Plunging, resting, and struggling, I was suddenly aroused by a shout from my companion, and on looking up discovered that I was travelling toward him. It was the old story of walking in a circle. He kept a straight course, and as I watched him hasten on without any landmark to guide him and disappear into the coulee of the Leavings, a faint bit of hope remained for me to struggle on. Following the broken trail, tempted to lie down in the snow and end the agony, darkness settling on the prairie, faint and weary with hunger, the journey seemed endless; but two hours later, found me in an old shack, speechless through suffering, but safe at last.

Similar experiences of being lost on the prairie set me thinking and helped me get over the difficulty. On a cold night when the snow was

deep and there was no trail, duty called me to go from the Blood Indian reserve to Macleod, a distance of fifteen miles, and as a precaution I took with me a companion. We had two cayuses and rode in a jumper (a flat bottomed sled) so as to skim over the deep snow. In the dense darkness my friend called out "Yonder's a light," but I knew that the town lay not in that direction. Taking our bearings and pointing toward the northwest, I remarked, "There is where the town lies. In two hours we should reach our destination. Where does the wind strike you?" "On the top of my left cheek." "All right! Close your eyes, keep the wind there, and I will do the same." So with our eyes closed to prevent any distraction, and keeping the wind on the exact spot, we drove on, and within the specified time we arrived in the town. Of course, should the wind change we would be at its mercy, but that would not happen suddenly. However, Jim Scott, the driver of the mail wagon, and old-timers of long experience have followed this method with success, and I have never found it to fail.

Semedick the Eagle

By HARLAN I. SMITH, Ottawa

Semedick the Eagle is the only Indian who would not give permission to the Canadian government totem pole preservation party to work upon his totems in "the Westminster Abbey of the Gitksans," at Kitwanga, B.C.

He, as head chief, was friendly with all the members of the party, and at a great banquet held in his spacious house, the Dominion archaeologist in charge of the work was adopted into the Eagle brotherhood and given an old and honoured name, long unused.

Semedick made a present to both the archaeologist and the engineer, yet when all the other Indians had given permission for the work and had appeared pleased with the results, he steadfastly refused to have his two poles touched. This was engendered by the same feeling as we might have in refusing to allow a foreigner, say a Chinaman or a Turk, to preserve something that was dear to us.

"True success, namely happiness, can be found in any occupation if we will adjust ourselves to the work.

A Product of H B C Farm Lands

ALTHOUGH Annie Turner, of the Hudson's Bay Company Uplands farm, is only eleven years old, she has already created something of a sensation in stock circles with her Shorthorn steer *Good Enough*, which recently won the championship in the baby beef competitions at Kamloops, Calgary and Edmonton.

The following record of *Good Enough* is most interesting:

Kamloops—First prize, $50.00; Shorthorn Association special, $20.00; P. Burns' special, $25.00; J. B. Davidson gold medal and Spencer cup.

Calgary—First prize, $100.00; Shorthorn special, $50.00; D. E. Black challenge shield and gold medal.

Edmonton—First prize, $100.00; Shorthorn special, $50.00; Jackson Brothers' gold watch and H.R.H. Prince of Wales' challenge shield.

Looks like a clean sweep, doesn't it?

There were seventy-two entries in the baby beef competition at Calgary and forty-six at Edmonton, and although Annie's was the only outside entry her victory was very popular.

As this steer was raised on the Hudson's Bay Company farm at Victoria, B.C., it was only fitting that the Company at Edmonton should purchase it. There was keen competition for it, but the Company could not let such an opportunity slip by and eventually purchased the steer at 56 cents per pound.

In prize money and payment for the sale of her steer little Annie Turner realized nearly $1,000.00. The steer weighed about 1000 pounds.

Annie's father, the popular and genial Jim Turner, is a well-known stock breeder and has won gold and silver medals galore.

Last year Annie's young brother Murray (aged nine) won a cup for the best butcher's steer in the Vancouver Winter Fair.

Annie received another very pleasant surprise when, during his recent visit to Victoria, George W. Allan, K.C., the Chairman of the Canadian Committee, called at the Uplands farm to congratulate her on her achievements and to wish her good luck.—*E. H. Wilson, Victoria.*

The Trek of the Evening Tram

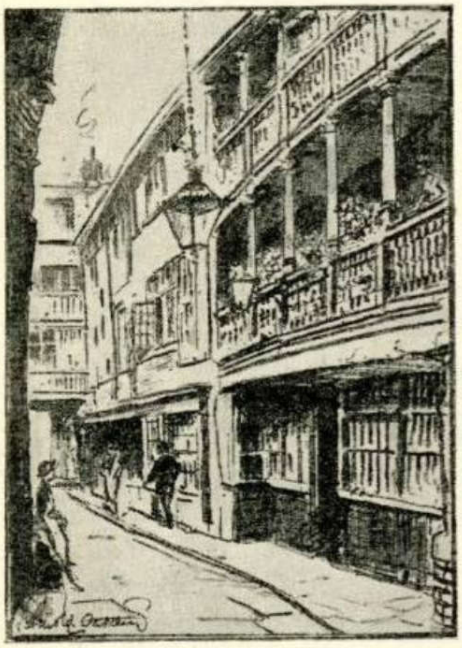
No. 2—The Borough

By VERA PEGG, Hudson's Bay Company, London, England

HAVING already taken a penny ride on the evening tram, it would be interesting to alight at St. George's Church and walk up the Borough, that noisy congested thoroughfare whose narrow curves denote its ancient origin. In olden times many light-hearted pilgrims must have set out on their pleasant journey to Canterbury from the numerous inns which have always stood in this district.

Unfortunately, the Borough, like many other old and interesting places, is rapidly losing its charm, especially since the erection of a petrol filling station. There are still, however, one or two quaint houses whose small upper windows project over the street, and Calvert's Buildings have a particularly old-world air; one would not be in the least surprised to see a crinolined lady, on a visit to her lawyer, walking carefully under the low archway, through the wrought iron gates and disappearing into one of those quiet offices. Perhaps the most antique relic remaining in the Borough is the sign of the Hare & Sun, which at the end of the seventeenth century hung over Master Nicholas Hare's grocery shop, and which can now be seen in the wall of one of the buildings.

If the actual houses have disappeared, there still remain old and famous names which help us to imagine what the Borough must have looked like long years ago. On the east side we pass the site of the Tabard Inn, famous as the starting point of many pilgrimages, but occupied now by an ordinary public house of no particular architectural style.



The George Inn, Southwark

On the same side also is the George, which dates from about the sixteenth century. The present structure, with its quaint windows, low ceilings and two wooden galleries decorated in summer with pots of geranium and lobelia, is easily the most picturesque in the Borough. This is also a place suggestive of Charles Dickens, and although mentioned by him only once, one can easily visualize Sam Weller standing in the yard polishing Mr. Pickwick's boots, or hear the ghost of Alfred Jingle commenting upon the entrance to the coach yard: "Terrible place—other day—five children — mother — tall lady eating sandwiches—forgot the arch—crash—

knock—children look around—mother's head off—sandwich in her hand—no mouth to put it in."

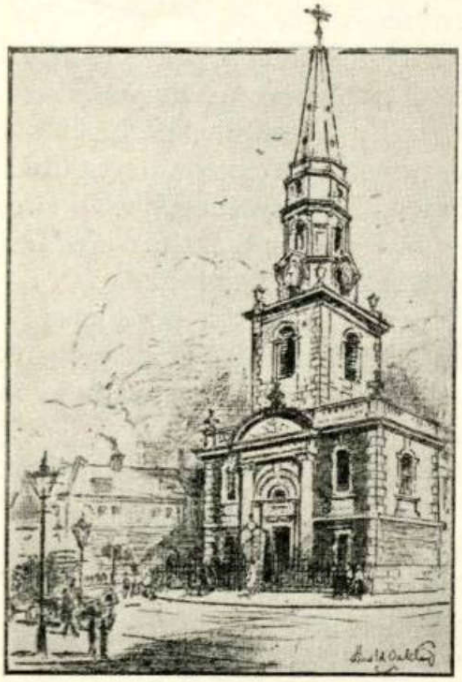
The name of "White Hart" given to a yard a little farther up the Borough is all that remains now to mark the site of a more famous hostelry, which was well known as early as the fifteenth century and was used as the headquarters of Jack Cade's rebellion.

Inns naturally suggest hops, perhaps unreasonably, as it is said that this ingredient is now quite a minor feature of the brewing of Britain's national beverage. This part of the Borough, often aromatic with the scent of hops, is near the Hop Exchange, rebuilt now after the disastrous fire a few years ago.

Having deviated so far from our tram route, we should not miss taking a glance round Southwark Cathedral. It is not possible to view the outside of the cathedral to advantage, standing as it does below the level of the main roadway, and the proximity of the railway bridge and long iron sheds of the Borough vegetable market certainly detract from its dignity.

Inside the building, however, there is nothing to spoil its grand austerity. In an article such as this one can give only a cursory description of the cathedral, but there is a wealth of legend, history and romance woven round it which would fill many pages.

One of the earliest churches on this site was founded by a certain Mary (afterwards St. Mary Overie, to whom the church was dedicated until the dissolution of monasteries), who with her sisters maintained a ferry across the Thames before old London Bridge was built. Subsequent buildings were destroyed by fire or pulled down to make way for others, which in turn were restored, and the present structure results in a fine harmony of ancient and modern building.



St. George's Church

The sixteenth century altar screen is extremely beautiful, and the Harvard chapel, in memory of John Harvard, who was born in Southwark, is of particular interest to American visitors. There are memorial windows, of modern workmanship, to Dr. Johnson; Oliver Goldsmith; John Bunyan, who preached in Southwark; Chaucer; Edward Alleyne, founder of Dulwich College, and other famous men associated with Southwark. Bishop Hooper and John Rogers, who were tried in the Lady Chapel by Gardiner and Bonner, also have memorial windows.

Southwark Cathedral has a rare beauty all its own, but one fears that few of the thousands who pass it daily have ever been inside.

Linen: From Plant to Yarn

By A. E. DODMAN, Hudson's Bay Company, Montreal

OF all the fibres used in the manufacture of textiles, linen is possibly the oldest and most costly in its conversion from the raw state into a thread for sewing or weaving purposes, and the following, from information chiefly supplied by the York Street Flax Spinning Company, Limited, Belfast, Ireland, will no doubt be of interest:

When and where linen was first manufactured, or who first discovered that the delicate stalk of the flax plant contained a fibre which could be worked up into a cloth, are unknown.

The ancient Egyptians, however, had little to learn about linen manufacturing, as there has been ample evidence in the shape of linen from some of the mummy cases brought to light within recent years. This linen is of an extraordinary fineness and far superior to anything now produced for ordinary commercial purposes.

Linen is unknown now as a product of Egypt, and the chief seat of its manufacture is in Northern Ireland. It is stated that linen was unquestionably known in Ireland prior to the Christian era, but did not assume much importance as a branch of commerce until improved methods of manufacture and bleaching were introduced by Huguenot refugees who were driven out of France by the revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

Linen is obtained from the fibre of the flax plant. This fibre forms part of the stem or stalk, and for the linen industry a species of flax that will produce the greatest number of fibres is used, as in this case the value of the seed (from which oil is made) is only of secondary importance. The length of the fibres vary from twelve to twenty-four inches, and, so as to obtain the greatest length possible, the flax for this purpose is pulled instead of cut. Cutting would reduce the length by several inches.

In comparing this with cotton, it is mentioned that cotton fibres used in commerce average about one inch in length. Cotton longer than two inches is very rare. The length of the linen fibre accounts for the absence of lint from linen cloths, etc., and also for its superior strength.

The fibre of linen is multi-cellular, whereas the cotton fibre is only uni-cellular; further, each fibre of linen is composed of a multitude of minute fibrils, and it is the capillary attraction set up by this multitude of fibrils that gives to linen its superior absorbency.

Various processes are necessary to separate the fibres from the useless matter in the stalks without injuring the fibre itself either as regards strength or length.

When the flax is pulled, it is at once placed (in sheaves) in three or four feet of water, generally in a slanting position, with the tops upward. It is then loaded to keep it under water, where "retting" or fermentation proceeds. After about ten days or so, when "retting" has gone far enough,

the flax is taken out of the water and dried, usually by spreading on the grass; after this it is taken to the scutch mill to be "scutched," that is, beaten by revolving blades of wood, which separates the fibres from the other substances of the stalk.

It is then taken to the spinning mill, where it must undergo repeated combings and cleanings. The first process is termed "roughing," and is done by men taking a handful of flax and passing it rapidly over what might be described as a brush with sharp steel points. This removes most of the remaining straw and also some of the other loose fibres.

The next process is termed "hackling," and is done by a machine which has been justly termed a masterpiece of mechanical ingenuity, and further described as being "able to do everything but think." Imagine a man holding a bunch of flax in one hand and combing it with the other, then changing hands from top to bottom so as to comb it right through. The action of this machine may be fairly understood in this process.

Then follows "sorting," which is done by expert hand workers, who comb it with very fine combs and sort it according to the various grades. This does not mean that the flax has been mixed in the previous processes, but merely that in flax which is bought in one lot and as one growing there are shades of quality which are noted by the expert, and the material is divided accordingly. The combings or cast fibres are carefully collected and themselves spun into the lower grade yarn. The trade name for the better quality is "Line," or long yarn, and for the inferior "Tow," or short yarn.

It is next taken to the "preparing" room, which contains an endless variety of machines working in series or sets of six or seven, one of which may be taken as illustrative of all. The first machine of the series is called the "spread board," and here the flax is laid in little wisps on travelling bands in long continuous lines, and is then passed through sets of rollers which draw one fibre away from the other and produce a thick ribbon of separate fibres. As these ribbons emerge from one machine, they are passed to another, being drawn out longer and thinner at each step until in the last of the series, called the "roving frame," the fibre is twisted into a loose thick thread not unlike a coarse grey woollen knitting yarn, and then wound on large wooden bobbins.

The next process is "spinning," in which the thick round thread above referred to is drawn off and taken up on whirling spindles. Before it reaches the spindles, however, it passes through a trough of hot water, also between sets of rollers, which again draw it out until it reaches the spindles, which are working at 2,000 to 3,000 revolutions per minute. The twist or "spin" converts the fibres, which up till then are still loose, into solid round threads known in the trade as "yarn."

There are, of course, various grades of yarn, depending upon the original quality of the flax, number of twists put into it and other features of the process of conversion, each representing a standard grade.

Without any further treatment, other than as described above, except drying to get rid of superfluous moisture, it is now regarded as being practically a finished article of commerce, and when wound or bundled for convenience of packing, is shipped all over the world, as there are many countries using linen yarn for cloth and other commercial purposes which have not the skill and experience of the Irish spinner in producing a fine and even thread.

Raw flax used in Ireland is the product chiefly of Ireland, Belgium, Holland and Russia, and possesses different characteristics according to the locality in which it is grown. Part of the skill of the flax spinner is in knowing how the different grades may best be blended.

It may also be of interest to know that for each one hundred dollars worth of raw flax, it costs (chiefly in wages) two hundred dollars to convert it into linen cloth, thus increasing its original value threefold.

F.R.S.C. at Lower Fort Garry

The Hudson's Bay Company entertained the Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada and the members of the Canadian Historical Association to luncheon at Lower Fort Garry on 24th May. Over one hundred guests were present and a profitable afternoon was passed in deliberation and in an inspection of the many points of interest within and outside the walls of the Stone Fort.

Mr. George W. Allan, K.C., Chairman of the Canadian Committee, welcomed the visitors. Dr. A. H. R. Buller, president of the Royal Society of Canada, and Prof. Chester Martin, of the Canadian Historical Association, responded. Other members of the Canadian Committee present were Messrs. James Thomson, James A. Richardson, Robert J. Gourley.

Several officers of the Company were also in attendance to welcome the guests and show them over the fort.

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Competition Results

THIS competition aroused considerable interest among the readers of *The Beaver* in the service of the Company. The accuracy of the answers sent in disclosed a remarkably intimate knowledge of the Company's history and its present-day activities. Answers to the various questions are published below. You are invited to place these alongside the questions asked in September and December issues, 1927, when a perusal of questions and answers should leave you better informed on the history and operations of the Hudson's Bay Company than you had been before.

The editor expresses thanks to Fur Trade Commissioner C. H. French, Land Commissioner H. F. Harman, and Messrs. Reith and Joslyn, for their valuable assistance in the difficult task of judging the prize winners.

SERVICE—FIVE YEARS AND OVER

First prize, $15.00—A. B. Cumming, Fur Trade, Saskatchewan District, Winnipeg. (Sixteen years' service).

Second prize, $7.50—George Pendleton, Fur Trade, Athabasca District, Edmonton. (Seven year's service).

Third prize, $5.00—Louise Fraser, Fur Trade, Winnipeg. (Six years' service).

Fourth prize, $2.00—C. H. M. Gordon, Fur Trade Pensioner, Pine Falls. (Forty-five years' service).

Fifth prize, $2.00—N. M. W. J. McKenzie, Fur Trade Pensioner, Winnipeg. (Forty years' service).

Sixth prize, $2.00—A. Maurice Clifford, Retail Store, Vancouver. (Sixteen years' service).

SERVICE UNDER FIVE YEARS

First prize, $15.00—Jas. D. Gemmill, Accounts Department, Winnipeg. (One year ten months' service).

Second prize, $7.50—Lucie C. Heckscher, Hudson's Bay Overseas Settlement Limited, Winnipeg. (One year's service).

Third prize, $5.00—Henry Leonard Hopkins, Retail Store, Victoria. (Two years' service).

Fourth prize, $2.00—Mrs. Lucy Meakings, Fur Department, Retail Store, Edmonton. (Ten months' service).

Fifth prize, $2.00—Mrs. M. M. Ferguson, Retail Store, Winnipeg. (One year, five months' service).

Sixth prize, $2.00—H. B. Frankland (apprentice clerk), Fur Trade, Missanabie, Ontario. (Eleven months' service).

COMPETITION ANSWERS

1. Radisson and Groseilliers.
2. 2nd May, 1670.
3. Eighteen.
4. Prince Rupert.
5. Charles Vincent Sale.
6. *Nonsuch.*
7. *Bayrupert.*
8. Fort Charles.
9. Fort Prince of Wales, Lower Fort Garry, Upper Fort Garry (any two).
10. Samuel Hearne.
11. Fort Churchill.
12. Henry Kelsey.
13. Thirty-nine years (possibly longer).
14. Rae, Hearne, Dease, Simpson, Hendry, Robert Campbell, John Bell, Alexander Hunter Murray, Rod McFarlane. (There are others, any six will do.)
15. Fort Gibraltar.
16. Admiral de la Perouse.

17. 1812.
18. Miles Macdonnell.
19. Skin for skin.
20. Elk, beaver, fox.
21. Fox segent on cap of maintenance.
22. Three hundred and twenty-seven years.
23. Deputy Governor 1711-12, Governor 1712-43.
24. 1839 to 1860 (1839 was date of appointment although he was nominally governor of Rupert's Land from 1821).
25. Samuel Wegg, Rt. Hon. Sir Edmund Walker Head, Bart, K.C.B., Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, G.C.M.G., Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, G.C.M.G., Sir Thomas Skinner, Bart., Sir Robert M. Kindersley and Charles Vincent Sale.
26. Smith.
27. York boat.
28. 1859.
29. Sir James Douglas.
30. *Beaver.*
31. Prospect Point, Vancouver, July, 1888.
32. Dr. John Rae.
33. Columbia river.
34. Vancouver Island, and northeast of Edmonton on north branch of Saskatchewan river.
35. Fox, wolf, mink, lynx, marten, wolverine, bear, badger, mole, otter, skunk, beaver, raccoon, muskrat, fisher, ermine, rabbit and squirrel. (Any seventeen of this list.)
36. Simon Fraser.
37. Fort Nakasleh.
38. William Sinclair.
39. *D. A. Thomas, Athabasca River, Mackenzie River, Distributor.* (Any three of this list.)
40. H.B.C.O.S. Ltd., Hudson's Bay Marland Oil Company, Alberta & Arctic Transportation Company.
41. Beaver House.
42. F. H. Richmond.
43. G. W. Allan, K.C., James Thomson, George Galt (died only recently), James A. Richardson, Robert J. Gourley.
44. C. H. French.
45. Angus Brabant.
46. L. Romanet, Ralph Parsons, C. Harding, J. Bartleman, S. J. C. Cumming, S. T. Youngman, Wm. Ware, A. B. Cumming. (Any six of these, or others who were in charge at time of opening of competition.)
47. C. H. French, Angus Brabant, James Thomson, R. Parsons.
48. Various.
49. Sikinik, Gogoma, (post) Montreal (establishment). (Either of the two last taken as correct.)
50. Eleven.
51. Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Yorkton, Lethbridge, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria, Nelson, Vernon, Kamloops.
52. By the Company's nameplate in early English type.
53. W. H. Cooke, A. J. Watson, R. R. Harvey, P. F. Mallahan, W. S. King, T. E. Smale, P. J. Parker, F. M. Johnston, F. E. Dynes, H. Pout, J. K. Hill (most recent).
54. W. H. Cooke, P. J. Parker.
55. Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Northern Alberta zone, embracing Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Yorkton; British Columbia and Southern Alberta zone, embracing Vancouver, Victoria, Lethbridge, Kamloops, Nelson, Vernon and Calgary.
56. 1887.
57. September 2, 1925.
58. 1920, Sir Robert M. Kindersley, G.B.E.
59. 524, 80.
60. Winnipeg (largest), Yorkton (smallest).
61. Hudson's Bay "Point" Blankets, H.B.C.O.S. Ltd., Fur Trade, Teas and Coffees, Land Department, A. & A.T. Co., H.B.C. Tobaccos.
62. Rupert's Land.
63. The Company retained its land around trading posts, retained one-twentieth of the land in the Fertile Belt and received £300,000 sterling.
64. 1869.
65. The land around trading posts and one-twentieth of the Fertile Belt.
66. Section 8 and northwest quarter and south half of section 26 in all townships, excepting those divisible by five; in townships divisible by five all of sections 8 and 26 are Hudson's Bay Company's property.
67. Bounded on the south by the United States boundary, on the north by the northern branch of the Saskatchewan river, on the east by Lake Winnipeg, the Lake of the Woods and the waters connecting them, on the west by the Rocky Mountains.
68. One-eighth cash, balance in seven equal annual instalments, interest 7% per annum. Minerals are always reserved to the Company.
69. Yes.
70. Winnipeg, Manitoba.
71. Edmonton, Alberta, and Victoria, B.C.
72. H. F. Harman.
73. Responsible real estate agents and real estate firms are appointed local sales solicitors in all important towns and villages to solicit sales of the Company's farm lands.
74. The Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay.
75. Ontario—Fort Frances, Fort William, Nipigon, Rosemount, Rossport, Kenora. Manitoba—Emerson, Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Dropmore, Newdale. Saskatchewan — Chamberlain, Otthon,

Fort Qu'Appelle, Prince Albert, North Battleford. Alberta—Ponoka, Edmonton, Peace River, Lac Ste Anne, Lac la Biche. British Columbia—Fort St. James, Prince George, Victoria.

76. H B Honor Built Shoes, Imperial Mixture Tobacco, Hudson's Bay "Point" Blankets, Playall (play suites for boys and girls), Wellington Pianos, Cavalier Chocolates. (Any two of these.)

77. Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria.

78. Saskatoon, Kamloops, Vernon, Lethbridge, Nelson, Yorkton. (If Lethbridge shown before Kamloops, take also as O.K.)

79. Japan.

80. Chinaware, jewellery, toys, lead pencils, novelties.

81. November 18, 1926.

82. Tyndall stone; Manitoba.

83. Roger & Gallet, Gwaldi, Cotys, Renauds, Guerlains, Carons, Bourjois, Worth, Houbigants, Rigauds or others. (Any five of these.)

84. Anniversary sale; May.

85. Artificial silk made from vegetable fibre.

86. England.

87. Dye that will not wash out or run.

88. The front part of the upper from the bottom of the lace to the toe.

89. Musquash.

90. Grey, scarlet, empire blue, khaki, green, white, rainbow stripe.

91. Electroplate on nickel-silver.

92. Crepe de chine, georgette, flat crepe, satin, fuji silk, habitai, silk velvet, chiffon, knit silk, canton crepe. (There are others and such would be O.K. also.)

93. Flax.

94. Ireland.

95. Chief Factor George McTavish, 1854.

96. England and France.

97. (1) Golf knickers, (2) finely knit summer underwear, (3) straw sailor hat, (4) knee length light summer underwear, (5) heavily soled shoes, for sports wear.

98. Same material. Four-point 72x90, weighs 12 lbs.; two-point 42x57 or 42x58, weighs 4 lbs. 7 oz.

99. The first printing of an advertisement or copy as it will appear in print sent out for correction or O.K.

100. Fur trade, land, stores.

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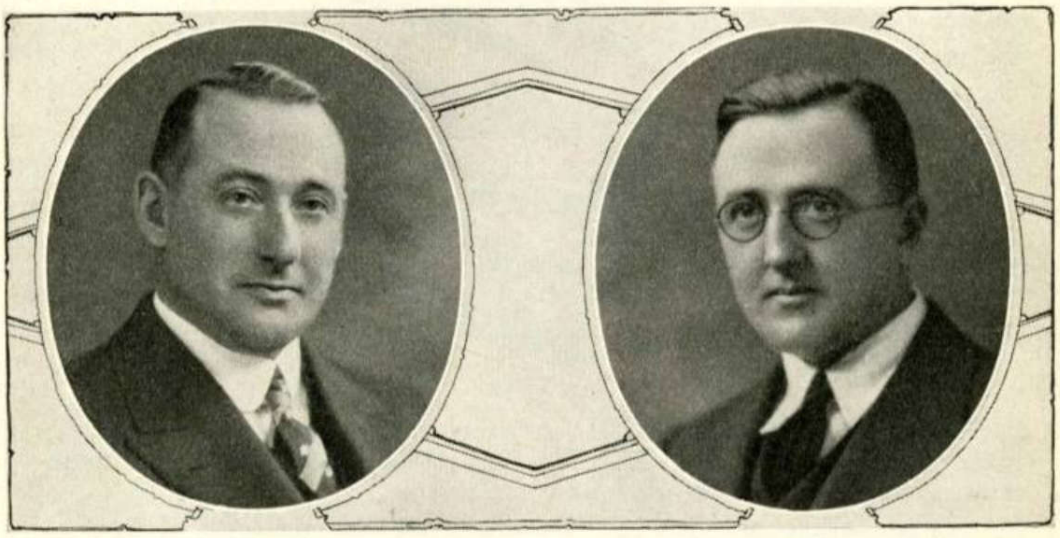

S. J. C. Cumming

Born April 3, 1890; entered service June 1, 1908. Fort Chimo, apprentice clerk, 1908-13; Fort William, clerk, 1913-14; York Factory, district accountant, 1914-19; Labrador district, district accountant, 1919-22; Keewatin district, district accountant, 1922-27; district manager, 1927.

A. B. Cumming

Born February 14, 1894; entered service June 22, 1912. Fort Churchill, apprentice clerk, 1912-15; Fort William, apprentice clerk, 1915; Grassy Narrows, clerk, 1915-16; overseas, 1916-19; Grand Lac, post manager, 1919-20; North Bay, 1920-21; Saskatchewan district, district accountant, 1921-27; district manager, 1927.

Although both these officers of the Company are named Cumming, and both hail from Aberdeen, they are unrelated.

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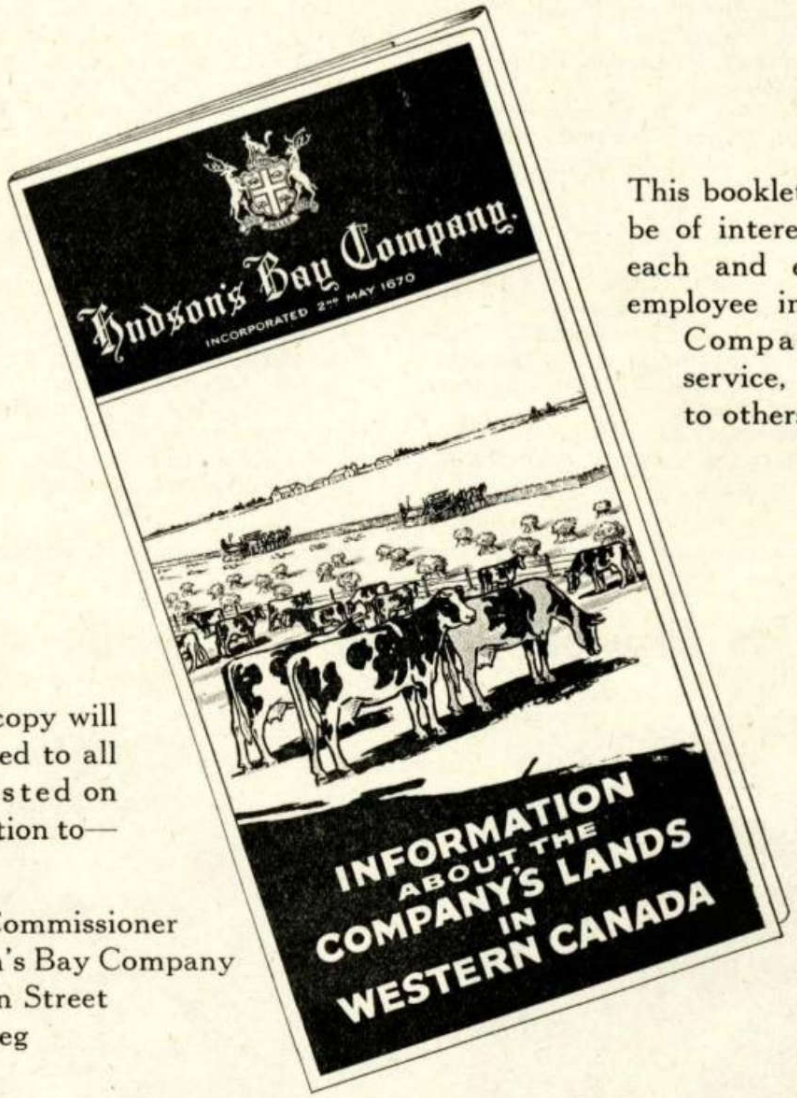

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Vancouver

STORE PROMOTIONS

During the past few weeks, this store has experienced several very important store promotions; for instance, the display of old-fashioned quilts. More than 20,000 people, including Lord and Lady Willingdon saw this exhibit.

Edna Keely was a hostess, entertaining for Mrs. Davies, at her home on Robson street on the 25th of April, the event being in the form of a miscellaneous shower. The gifts were presented to the guest of honour on a decorated bicycle. Mr. Davies is the champion cyclist of Canada. The guests included Mrs. Garner; Misses T. Moore, E. Sparks, R. Anderson, M. Harrington, M. Jayes, M. McMaster, I. King, C. Main, J. Smith, M. Gaunt, E. Hyland, L. Rossum, A. Green, M. Elgy, M. Keely, M. Jennings, M. Crawford, D. Farquhar and E. Keely.

Mrs. Helen Watkins, one of our elevator staff, gave a little farewell party on 1st May, on the occasion of her leaving for a five months' trip to England. We enjoyed a wonderful time—plenty of music and a court whist drive, followed by a buffet supper. Those present were Mrs. H. Watkins; Misses M. Lock, M. Kerron, H. MacDonald, N. Bailey, G. Sweeton, M. Nesser, E. Harmen, L. Shoesmith, Mrs. A. Emerson; Messrs. H. Adams and B. Watkins.

As this is being written, we are nearing the end of our anniversary sale—a success in every way, because of the thirty-five per cent increase over last year and because of the uncommon economies in which all were able to share.

W. J. Peppitt, our credit manager, has just received his gold medal for thirty years' service. Still quite young, we hope he will be spared for many more years to serve the Company to which he has been so loyal.

S. D. Wilson, buyer of women's and misses' shoes, has just returned from his European buying trip. One of the very special values he was able to secure, numbering several hundred pairs, were sold in as many minutes.

Large crowds attended the enjoyable lectures given by Eve Ve Verka, of the Irish and Scottish Linen Guild, in our Georgian restaurant, on 17th, 18th and 19th April. The highly interesting subjects on which Miss Ve Verka spoke were "The Fascinating Art to Table Setting," "The Art of Table Entertainment and Table Etiquette."

Lestra la Monte, "The Paper Fashion Star," who appeared on the Orpheum theatre stage in this city during the week of May 7, gave a number of interesting exhibitions in our Georgian restaurant. Mr. La Monte, assisted by the living models, Isabel Brown and Madelyn Moore, exhibited his newest creations in Dennison crepe paper costumes and novelties and provided interesting entertainment during the lunch hour.

M. Peebles, for many years with the personal shopping service department, has left to accept the position of bookkeeper for British Columbia Printers Limited. We wish her success.

Sarah Payne is welcomed to the millinery department.

Mrs. Lofting, of the music department, is now Mrs. Harry McGraw. The wedding took place on Easter Sunday.

The drapery department welcomes A. G. Byrne.

Mrs. M. Seeley, formerly of the women's lingerie department, has left the store. She is now visiting her daughter in Seattle. She will join her husband at Sproat Lake for the summer months.

Dick Powell, who was formerly with Somners Limited, is now with us in the display department.

Jimmy Adair has left the display department and is now with the men's clothing department.

Miss Cormack, of the women's ready-to-wear department, left the store to be married.

E. Furman, buyer of the women's coats and dresses, is preparing for her buying trip. She is leaving for Europe on the 9th of June.

Mrs. F. Friend, of the women's ready-to-wear department, has left the store. She has planned an enjoyable trip to New Zealand. We wish her a pleasant journey.

We welcome Misses Hamel, Douglas and Miller to the women's ready-to-wear department.

Mrs. Wakelen, of the women's sports-wear department, has been promoted to the position of assistant buyer of that department.

Margaret (Marge) Haggerty, of Mr. Porte's office, is leaving the store in June to be married to F. E. Lewis. They will reside in Ocean Falls.

We welcome J. Brunn, of the men's furnishings department, back after his long illness.

Arthur Kimberley is with the tobacco section. We wish him success.

W. Wallace, formerly of the tobacco section, has been appointed travelling salesman of the wholesale department on Water street.

A. E. Kidd has left the optical department here to take charge of the optical department at our Victoria store.

M. Cummings, of the drug department, is now Mrs. H. Blackwell. She was married on 18th April.

J. Dobson has been promoted from the inspector's desk to the drug department.

V. Irving, notion department, was presented with a handsome box of chocolates by Mr. Scibird for having the greatest number of individual sales in that department during the month.

L. Quance is the new floor manager of the dry goods department on the lower main floor.

Mr. McKeanna, floor manager of the silks and dress goods department, is leaving the store to take a position at the Banff hotel.

Mary Payne, of the millinery department, left the store on 5th May for a three months' holiday. On departing, she was presented with a handsome hatbox by the staff of the millinery department.

The Vancouver staff extends sincerest sympathies to B. Hewbank, personal shopper, on the death of her mother, who passed away on March 21.

THE LATE MISS KATE CURRIE

Although we knew she has been ill for some time and had leave to go south in an endeavour to build up her health, the news of the death of Miss Currie, manageress of our underwear and corset department, came as a shock to all. Miss Currie was an employee of 20 years standing and loved by all, spreading her esteem for the Company for which she worked at every turn, a wonderful example to new employees. She leaves an aged mother and sister to mourn her loss. The sympathy of the entire staff goes out to the survivors in their bereavement.

FOOTBALL

The season just drawing to a close has been one of the most successful experienced in recent years.

So far the team has been undefeated, and with only one more game to play, we hope to keep this splendid record till the end of the season. In the Wednesday league table the team stands at the top, having played fourteen games, won twelve and drawn two—26 points for fourteen games, a record which speaks for itself.

In the Spalding cup competition we played the final on the 2nd of May, when the Bay team was victorious over the Couver Rangers by three goals to two. This was a hard game and the Bays got good support from their fellow employees, who were present in large numbers.

In a team in which every member has played his part well, it is almost unnecessary to single out any particular ones for special mention, but we cannot overlook the splendid record of our centre forward; Dave Robinson, who has scored twenty-six goals in league and cup-tie games; nor the splendid service which our centre half has rendered to the team. His play has been a stimulus to all the other members, and we predict a great future for our friend Johnnie Wallace. Our popular captain, Jamie Nyles, has also been a hard worker.

These notes would be incomplete without a reference to the splendid manner in which W. B. Black has acted as manager. We certainly owe Mr. Black a debt of gratitude for his splendid work during the season, as a great measure of the success of the team has been due to his untiring energy. The following are the officers of the club: Honorary president, P. J. Parker; honorary vice-president, G. A. H. Porte; president, F. Deisley; secretary-treasurer, Harry F. Orr; manager, W. B. Black; committee, H. Anderson, A. Dunlop and K. Twaites; trainer, E. Kimberley.

Doc.—Your husband must have absolute quiet. Here's a sleeping draught.

Wife—When do I give it?

Doc.—You don't give it; you take it.

Victoria

STAINED GLASS WINDOW IS DONATED TO NEW CATHEDRAL

The employees of the Victoria store have donated the sum of $534.00 to the new Victoria Cathedral and have selected as the object of the gift one of the seven windows in the west front located immediately under the large rose window. The subject of the window will be suggested by the building committee.

It is fitting that Hudson's Bay Company employees should identify themselves with the new cathedral, for when the corner stone of the old Christ Church Cathedral was removed, to be incorporated in the foundation of the new cathedral, a metal box was discovered containing various coins and a scroll. The scroll declared that "Christ Church, the first church on Vancouver Island, was built by the Hudson's Bay Company, A.D. 1856, James Douglas being Governor; E. Cridge, incumbent; R. Finlayson and A. F. Pemberton church wardens. It was made the cathedral of the diocese in 1865, and was destroyed by fire 1869. The foundation stone of the new church was laid on Monday, 20th May, 1872, by J. W. Trutch, lieutenant-governor, in the presence of the bishop, ex-Governor Douglas and others."

The foundation stone of the new cathedral was laid on September 9, 1926, by the Bishop of London. It rests upon the corner stone of the old cathedral, which in turn rests upon stones specially sent out from Canterbury Cathedral, England, and thus retains the historic life and continuity of the church's life and work.

FUR COATS MADE WHILE YOU WAIT

The Hudson's Bay Company fur department exhibit was one of the centres of attraction at the recent home products fair.

There the actual process of making fur coats from French seal, calf skin and hair seal pelts to the finished article was carefully explained.

The exhibit was in charge of R. Chas. Gordon, manager of the Victoria store fur department.

THREE RECORDS IN ONE YEAR

A record in distinguished patronage—Sold His and Her Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon two oriental rugs.

A financial record—Sold to one customer seventeen oriental rugs, value fifteen hundred dollars.

A record in patience and service—After four visits, occupying half a day, sold a customer a congoleum rug of the value of $7.60.

APPOINTED POSTMASTER

George Gardner, who for a number of years has been a member of the Hudson's Bay Company football team, and until recently was assistant postmaster at the Victoria general post office, has been appointed to the position of postmaster in place of H. F. Bishop, recently superannuated. His many friends in the Victoria store extend to Mr. Gardner their heartiest congratulations on his promotion.

Victoria Store Basket-ball Team, Undefeated Winners of the Commercial League Cup and the Bob White Knock-out Shield

Reading from left to right: Standing—R. Eaton (manager), Jack Brown, Cyde Nicol, S. Patterson, Bob Addie, A. Haines (trainer). Seated—A. Trip, Bradley Watson, Ernie Mowry, Don Fish.

VICTORIA 54—VANCOUVER 14

Members of the Victoria store basket-ball team thoroughly enjoyed their recent trip to Vancouver, when they met and defeated the Vancouver store team to the tune of 54 to 14. A large number of Victoria supporters accompanied the players, which fact may or may not have accounted for the wonderful scoring by the winning side.

The news of the passing of Mr. George F. Galt, a director of Hudson's Bay Company and a member of the Canadian Committee, was received with sorrow and regret by his many friends in Victoria. Mr. Galt had been in the habit of spending several weeks each year in this city and was well known to many in the Victoria store.

A. J. WATSON IS HOST TO SPORTS TEAM

On Tuesday evening, April 17, A. J. Watson, manager of the Victoria store, entertained at a delightful dinner and theatre party all those participating in the various sporting activities of the store. A banquet was served in the store restaurant, about forty being present.

In complimenting his guests upon the splendid showing made by the various teams during the past season, Mr. Watson paid special tribute to the excellent work of the basket-ballers.

As an appreciation of the interest which Mr. Watson has always shown in store sport, the guests presented him with a flower vase and electric lighter for his automobile.

Bradley Watson, who left the next day for Stewart, B.C., was presented with a pipe by fellow members of the basket-ball team.

The party adjourned to the Capitol theatre and afterwards to the Alexandra hall, when the basket-ball team was presented with the St. James' Hotel challenge cup and the Bob White challenge shield. With the cup and the shield were presented individual cups to each member of the team.

The guests included P. Shrimpton, G. Gardner, T. Oakman, M. Woodley, D. Fish, W. Cull, G. Collier, S. Raven, R. Playfair, B. Watson, R. Addie, E. Mowry, A. Tripp, J. Brown, A. E. Haines, H. Hansen, — Tyrell, B. Adams, E. Mason, G. Paradise, W. Parkes, L. Fea, J. A. Davidson, H. Bleasdale, S. Sheritt, W. Woodley, S. Campion, J. S. Horne, A. R. Minnis, T. Wilkinson, W. T. Edgecombe, W. V. Merryweather, C. Nichols, R. Eaton, J. H. Grant, B. O'Neil, F. Crawford and G. Gahagin.

Detective—We have located your runaway wife, but she won't say a word.

Husband—That's not my wife.

Kamloops

We regret losing our former manager, E. J. Lanceley, and welcome his successor, J. K. Hill. Mr. Hill, during the short time he has been with us, has made a number of alterations in the manner of displaying the stock which certainly should be the means of increasing business.

Before leaving, E. J. Lanceley was entertained by the staff and presented with a pair of gold and onyx cuff links as a mark of their regard and esteem for him gained during his three years' stay.

P. A. Chester, chief accountant, and H. W. Cooke, general manager of Manitoba and Northern Alberta stores, paid us a short visit on their way through to Vancouver at the end of April.

P. J. Parker, general manager of British Columbia and Southern Alberta stores, inspected the store and stocks and gave a brief interesting talk to all members of the staff at the close of business.

A. H. Doe, superintendent of store construction, spent a day with us, during which time he thoroughly inspected the building with a view to both interior and exterior renovations and redecoration.

Annie Pattinson, of the piece goods section, left in order to make a trip to Vancouver with her mother. Upon returning from this in about two months' time we are told she enters the matrimonial ranks. We wish her the best of happiness.

We much regret losing Stella Cozens from the office staff, who, after eleven years' service, leaves us to reside with her parents in Vancouver. Before leaving, the members of the staff presented her with a silver cake plate, and being a member of his staff, the accountant, Mr. Moulder, presented her with a cut glass bowl as a mark of appreciation. We learn she is now on the office staff of the Vancouver store and we wish her every success.

We welcome M. Tindall to the piece goods department, who takes the place of A. Pattinson resigned.

C. Henderson has now taken charge of the grocery department, having been appointed manager on 12th May.

Edna Nixon is welcomed to the office staff, replacing Stella Cozens.

The May anniversary sale has been a very busy time for all in the store, and, as the volume of business exceeded last year's amount, we think it can be looked upon as a success.

The summer holiday season will now soon be in swing and all are looking forward to a little well earned recreation.

Nelson

Alex. Clark, of the grocery department, has been to Victoria on a month's sick leave.

Ethel Sutcliffe, of the crockery department, has been transferred to dry goods, and Queenie German has taken her place.

Our manager, W. S. King, with the managers of the dry goods and men's furnishings, took a trip to Vancouver in March, where they spent several days buying and attending to other important business.

Certain members of our office staff have been as usual making names for themselves on the sporting page of the local paper our accountant having carried off prizes for curling.

M. H. Callaghan, manager of the ladies' ready-to-wear, recently spent a few days in Vancouver on a buying trip. The result is that we are now showing an attractive line of coats, hats, et cetera.

Julia Potosky, our stenographer, underwent an operation at local hospital a few weeks ago. She is now back at work, her own bright self again.

Another member of the staff to return after a siege of sickness is Mrs. E. Edginton, who met with an accident early in January and was confined to her home for six weeks.

Empire shopping week proved to be a great success in Nelson, due largely to the efforts made by a committee under the leadership of W. S. King. A patriotic tableau was put on every night during the week at the Capitol theatre.

We had a most interesting display window, during fire prevention week, the work being done by members of the local forestry department.

The citizens of Nelson are going to make this a fireless summer, if at all possible.—*D. Green.*

Calgary

We regret to report the illness of our store manager, F. M. Johnston, but we are glad he is now back with us.

B. Burleson has also been ill and we hope he will soon be well again.

Mrs. Elliott, wife of buyer of our silk and dress goods department, has been taken sick and it was necessary for her to leave for the coast. Mr. Elliott is at present visiting her. We hope that before long Mrs. Elliott will have completely recovered.

We welcome J. G. Sprunt back to the store after his recent illness.

We had a visit from George W. Allan, K.C., chairman of the Canadian committee, also from P. A. Chester, our chief accountant, who spent two days with us on their way east.

We congratulate H. Wain on the presentation of a further silver bar to his long-service medal, denoting twenty years with the Hudson's Bay Company.

We also congratulate A. D. Vair, our accountant, and W. F. Herring, of our men's furnishings department, on receiving the silver medal denoting fifteen years of continuous service with the Hudson's Bay Company. The presentations were made by George W. Allan, K.C., chairman of the Canadian committee, during his recent visit to Calgary.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Ilott on the birth of a son, William; also to Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker on the birth of their son, Roy William.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson, who have recently returned from a very extensive trip to Europe. Mr. Simpson has been buying merchandise for the Hudson's Bay Company during his recent trip.

John O'Neill has joined us as manager of our mantel department. He was thirteen years with the John Northway Company, of Toronto. We wish him success in Calgary.

We welcome Alberta Labitsky, who has returned to this store, after five years' absence, to resume duties as buyer of our stationery department.

We welcome A. Harper as buyer of the smallware, ribbon and neckwear department. Mr. Harper was connected with the Johnstone Walker Company, of Edmonton, before joining the Hudson's Bay Company, Calgary.

We congratulate E. Gahn in his promotion to acting manager of the groceteria, Calgary retail store, taking the place of J. Frizzle, who has left the Hudson's Bay Company service to take up activities at the Pacific coast.

Mrs. L. McCanse and son, Donald Roy, are at present visiting with the former's parents at Halifax.

Our May sale ended on 12th May and we are pleased to state that a real volume of business was enjoyed throughout the store.

SPORT

Soft ball—The first game of the City soft-ball league was played between the Hudson's Bay Company and the Calgary

Herald. The score was 21 to 3, in favour of the Calgary *Herald*. Not so good!

The second game of the City soft-ball league was played at Mewata Park on 15th May between the Hudson's Bay Company and the Calgary Brewery. The Hudson's Bay Company had a wonderful comeback in the seventh inning and made a gain of seven runs to win, 20 to 19. Getting better!

Bowling—We congratulate the Pro Pelle Cutem bowling team on winning the Hudson's Bay Company bowling league. They showed exceptional form in the final game.

Golf—The H.B.E.W.A. have extended invitations to a number of non-employees to take advantage of the Company's golf course and sport grounds. It is pleasant to note the very gratifying results obtained from the invitation. On Sunday, 13th May, approximately forty outside members played over the golf course, besides others who visited the clubhouse. Many expressed their appreciation of our invitation and delight with the clubhouse and condition of the course.

We think it is safe to say that in the near future a much greater interest will be shown by the Hudson's Bay Company's staff in the club grounds, which offer varied entertainment in the form of:

(1) Nine-hole golf course, longest hole 600 yards.
(2) Full-size tennis court.
(3) Full-size cricket pitch.
(4) Baseball diamond and field.
(5) Clubhouse with all conveniences, lunch room, shower baths, et cetera

If the employees take a greater interest in their sports grounds and enlarge the membership, the committee will be in a position to extend even greater facilities for the employees' comfort and furtherance of sport interest in the store.

Edmonton

SHOP WINDOW BROADCAST

Proving to be a complete success, while it was the first test of the kind yet made in this province, the radio concert broadcasted from a show window in the Hudson's Bay Company store on Friday evening, April 27th, was heard by thousands of persons. It was arranged as a special feature in connection with the 258th anniversary sale. Fifteen of the city's leading musical artists took part in the programme.

Although the concert was at the corner of 103rd street and Jasper avenue, citizens reported hearing it by loud speaker as far east as the market square and for several blocks north on 101st street. Several hundred held the positions they took in front of the store well in advance of the opening of the concert, while numerous citizens, out for evening window-shopping, made a point of listening to the various numbers.

High Class Programme

Rollicking numbers were given by the orchestra, composed of H. G. Turner, leader, with F. Darmiont, W. G. Strachan, Bruce Webb and George McBride. Solos were given by Ethel Willing, Conrad Fouquette, Maurice Lavallee, Hayden Morris, Mabel Stutt, Sandy McPherson and Mrs. F. Clark, while J. E. Fromant on the violin and G. T. Hart at the piano played some sprightly old-time dance numbers.

The history of the Hudson's Bay Company was described briefly by the announcer during the first portion of the programme, while the musical programme was so arranged that the numbers harmonized with some historical event or period previously referred to.

Greetings to North

When the second part of the programme opened, a message of greetings to the Company's posts in the north was sent out in behalf of the Edmonton offices of the Hudson's Bay Company. Happy returns on the 258th anniversary of the founding of the Company were broadcasted, followed by announcements concerning sales features being offered at the Edmonton store. Interspersed with the sales talks were musical numbers.

The following interesting letter was received in connection with the radio concert broadcasted by the Edmonton store:

"Fort Victoria,
Pakan, Alta., April 30th, 1928.

"The Honourable,
The Hudson's Bay Company.

"The undersigned, old-time H B C clerk at old Fort Edmonton, 1880-1883, under Chief Factor Hardisty, listened in to your very enjoyable anniversary broadcast the other night.

"The listening-in was done from the Company's old fur post, Fort Victoria (Pakan, Alberta), which has been my home since 1901, when the property was purchased by me, in the original log dwelling house, which is still in excellent condition.

"With best wishes, John A. Mitchell, Postmaster at Pakan, Alta."

Mr. Donaldson, of the meat department, Winnipeg store, spent a week at Edmonton recently.

The beauty shop has been recently enlarged.

A particularly interesting section is the new electric light department, and what is

still more interesting, business has been particularly good.

The fashion show of McCall printed patterns and Hudson's Bay Company silks, conducted by the Edmonton store, May 7th to 11th, attracted widespread interest. The show was staged in the silk shop, under the direction of Miss Ina Ranson. Young ladies of the staff proved efficient mannequins.

Another anniversary sale has passed into history. The first day of the sale was fifty per cent better than the best previous day in the history of the store. In spite of a severe snowstorm during the second week, substantial increases were obtained. The sale of furs was particularly gratifying as it demonstrated the confidence of the people in Hudson's Bay Company furs.

M. Meikle, of the stationery department, has left us to take up household duties, having recently married M. Morrison, of the Union Oil Company of this city. We wish her every happiness.

We welcome T. B. Thomas-Peter as assistant accountant. He was formerly with the Hudson's Bay Company at Lethbridge.

Roy Haliburton, formerly of the men's department, has left the Company's service to try his fortune in the candy business.

We are glad to see M. Miller, of the groceteria staff, has returned after a three week's illness.

G. W. Allan, K.C., E. E. Allan, Jr., P. A. Chester, A. H. Doe, W. M. McLean and S. Moore were recent visitors to Edmonton.

We welcome to the staff: W. McKinley, C. Twitchell, D. Argue, Mrs. E. Collins, T. Dube, T. McGillis, H. Bernasconi, T. Stout, E. Easterbrook, E. Pardis, D. Layton, H. Blair, J. Thomson, M. Orr, R. Webb, and J. M. Wilson.—*J. P. McNichol.*

Lethbridge

We were sorry to lose T. B. Peter, our accountant, who was transferred to the Edmonton branch, but were pleased to hear of his promotion. A suitable presentation was made to him upon his departure.

We welcome D. V. Hardyman, of Winnipeg, who has been appointed accountant in Mr. Peter's place.

Our buyer in the men's and boys' department, J. E. Thompson, who has been with us for eight years, is severing his connection with the Company.

We were favoured with a visit from W. L. Ogden, former store manager at this branch, who is motoring to his home in Vancouver after spending some time in the eastern markets.

The Hudson's Bay Company is well represented in the soft-ball league in Lethbridge, having entered teams in the ladies' and men's leagues. To date the men have broken even, having lost two games and won two, and they are still going strong. The ladies lost their first game, but are looking forward to a victorious finish.

A. Wiseley, who has filled the position of cashier at the main store, has been transferred to the service grocery store to take charge of that office. We welcome A. McNabb as cashier in her place.

We are pleased to report that we have at least one member on the staff, O. Lloyd, of the dry goods department, who is competing in the musical festival which is being held in Lethbridge this week.—*P. F. Mallahan.*

Saskatoon

THE LATE J. F. CAIRNS

The death of Mr. J. F. Cairns, of Saskatoon, took place on March 17, 1928.

For twenty-five years Mr. Cairns had been identified with business and public enterprises in Saskatoon. He was one of the earliest merchants in the city, later establishing the first large departmental store there. He was also prominent in sporting circles.

Mr. Cairns took up his abode in Saskatoon in 1902, and in 1903 ran a small bakery and grocery store for the Barr Colonists. In 1922, he disposed of his department store to the Hudson's Bay Company.

Mr. Cairns was born in Lawrenceville, Quebec, March 23, 1870. His father was the Rev. Hugh Cairns, formerly president of the Montreal Conference. Mr. Cairns married Miss Edith Beatrice Moore, a daughter of C. J. Moore, Chatham, Ontario, who survives him.

We extend a welcome to Mr. Hughes from Edmonton.

Congratulations to Mr. Bannister upon the arrival of a son and heir.

The Hudson's Bay Company's Saskatoon football team is away to a good start, and showed some good style in its first game of the season against the T. Eaton Co. The match was well contested throughout, with the T. Eaton team leading two to one.—*L. Jones.*

Winnipeg

HISTORICAL EXHIBIT

The Hudson's Bay Company historical exhibit has been entirely reorganized and renumbered throughout. A new guide to the exhibit has been published and it is hoped that our visitors will by this means be better able to view and understand the contents of the various cases.—*E. F. Hardiman, custodian.*

HOME BUILDING AND FURNISHING SHOW

The Hudson's Bay Company took a prominent part in this show held in Winnipeg during April. A feature of the event was the erection of a six-roomed bungalow, to be drawn for by visitors. The bungalow was painted and decorated by Hudson's Bay Company decorators and was furnished throughout by the Company's contract department. Thousands of people walked through the cottage every day and admired the tasteful furnishings. Besides the furnishings of the bungalow, the Company had several attractive booths in the show.

Strange to relate, the winner of the prize bungalow was Miss Eva Kazier, an employee of Company's grocery department. The managers of the show value the bungalow at well over $4,000. Miss Kazier is receiving a host of congratulations and many offers to buy her bungalow.

The decorators of the contract department established themselves quite definitely in the difficult field of interior art, when the house at 148 Elm street, the bungalow on Campbell street, and the suites at the Mall Plaza apartments were furnished during the early spring months. These were thrown open to the public and hundreds of people visited and admired the home at Elm street, which was decorated by G. F. Drewett. The increased interest in Hudson's Bay Company furniture and decorations quite warranted the effort.

OUR ADVERTISING MAN GOES UP IN THE AIR

Nothing particularly new about that! Most of them do it often, all of them do it occasionally. It seems to go with the job, or perhaps it's just a natural result of the cussedness of merchandise department managers and their eternal fighting for big space and better position!

But this was another kind of "going up in the air"—and here is how it happened. Pilot J. H. Holley, of Western Canada Airways, planned a goodwill trip of four others and himself from Winnipeg to Crookston, Minnesota, in order to show the "airminded" folks of that live American town how interested is Winnipeg in the Minneapolis to Crookston air derby planned for the end of May, and how eagerly Winnipeg will welcome any fliers participating in that event who may decide to make the further "hop" to Winnipeg.

The party consisted of Pilot Holley, R. R. Winslow, American consul for Winnipeg, Mrs. G. S. McCreery, representative of the Stovel Company, J. G. Carruthers, of the City Dairy Company, and H. W. Anderson, of the advertising department of Hudson's Bay Company retail store.

Leaving the St. Charles flying field at 9.15, the five goodwill visitors to the United States reached Crookston at 11.10, where, after a perfect landing, they were welcomed by a large crowd.

They were escorted to their hotel by a committee of Crookston flying enthusiasts, and there, after luncheon, the general plans and prospects of the air derby were discussed. The unanimous opinion was expressed that, if a good number of the American fliers could be induced to make the trip to Winnipeg, this would act as a powerful stimulus to interest in aviation on both side of the line.

The return trip to Winnipeg, like the journey to Crookston, was made without incident and under ideal weather conditions, the party leaving Crookston shortly after three o'clock and reaching Winnipeg before five.

Thrills were conspicuous by their absence. The plane used, a five-passenger Fairchild, has the passenger accommodation enclosed in glass, so that almost immediately after it leaves the ground, the sensation is one of slowly drifting through the air. There is no sense of tremendous speed, even when travelling at 120 miles an hour. Pilot Holley, however, obliged with a few little "dips," to show how rapidly the plane may be made to go up or down and to illustrate how completely it is under control.

When "up in the air," was the advertising man scared? He says not. Not just a little bit nervous? No, sir! Didn't wish he'd lived a better life, or anything like that? Never even gave it a thought. At any rate that's his story—and apparently he's going to stick to it!—*H. W. Anderson.*

Harold Gates, who has joined the furniture staff, was married on 11th May.

Hugh Victor Long recently became a member of the sales staff in the furniture department.

R. Humphrey, of the telephone department, became the bride of G. Dawson in April. She was presented with a boudoir lamp by her co-workers.

Dorothy Warder, of the meat department, was married to J. Burns on March 23rd. At a miscellaneous shower given

in her honour, she received many attractive little gifts as well as a very handsome hatbox from the staff. The happy couple sailed for England, where they will make their future home.

Sincerest regrets and sympathy are given to Miss Holmes and William and Frank Holmes upon the loss of their sister.

Mr. Cranston, the new buyer in the China department, has just returned from a successful buying trip.

The contract department, created because it renders a unique service to customers, is proving very popular. Mr. Wales, formerly assistant manager in the furniture, has under his supervision a staff of capable interior decorators.

Daisy Shipman, of the grocery order board, was married to Cecil Pearce. They enjoyed a happy honeymoon to Vancouver.

Deepest sympathy is extended to B. Stevenson, of the coat department, in the sudden death of her brother.

N. Watson, of the furniture department, appeared in a recent dance recital, entitled "Farmerette's Strut." We hope she will not fall victim to the lure of the stage.

A *bon voyage* party, honouring Mrs. J. Arthur, of the glove and hose department, was held at the home of M. Muir at 696 Jessie avenue. The prize winners at whist were Miss I. Ramsay, Miss MacKay. Mrs. Arthur was the recipient of a very handsome hatbox. Those present were: Mrs. W. Page, J. Mackay, A. Dunwoody, H. Cook, J. Roe, J. Scott, A. Mole, T. Muir, W. Muir, R. Sayer, Misses L. Simpson, E. Webber, A. Gray, C. Clark, M. Smith, J. Smith, E. Bleakley, J. Welsh, M. Gordon, K. Niblock, J. Bud, I. Ramsay, H. Hay, M. Iball, S. Harper, M. Baskerville, M. Folkes, M. Muir, M. Rundle, E. Burnett, C. Campbell.

We wish Mr. Parkinson, of the rugs, a speedy recovery.

On 15th March, G. Travers, who was in charge of the employment office, left the Company to take up work in the mining fields. He had been a very popular member of the staff for some years, both in the old store and the new.

Jim Morrison (Caruso), of department 220, is at last taking the plunge into matrimony. We hope he'll be as comfortable at home as he is now among the furniture.

Congratulations to W. Horwood, of the advertising office, on the birth of a daughter on 1st May—Ruth Dorothy.

Mr. Brown, formerly service manager on the main floor, has become a member of the provincial police force. We wish him success in his new venture.

Members of the jewellery department are extending their best wishes to Miss Back, whose engagement was recently announced. She will be married on 15th June.

Most of our department managers are with us again, Mrs. K. Stevenson and Messrs. Watson, Ketchen, Atkinson, McBeth, Lockey, Sheppard, Johnston and Coulter returned from Europe. A few of the assistants who took buying trips recently were: A. Parker, V. Bray and G. Carson.

D. Miller is at present on a visit to Europe buying rugs and draperies. He will travel as far as Turkey.—*T. F. Reith.*

WINNIFRED DAVIS MARRIES

A romance which started in the old store came to a happy culmination when Winnifred Davis, of the china, became the bride of Boden Smith, of the hardware department.

Mr. Cranston, on behalf of Miss Davis' fellow workers, presented her with a dinner set, and in a few well chosen words wished her luck and happiness.

Winnifred Davis was the honour guest at a miscellaneous shower.

SPORT

Golf—Hole in One—Grace Davies, of the advertising office, accomplished the golfer's dream on the evening of 15th May, at the Burkevale course. Playing with a party of eight young ladies in two foursomes. Miss Davies took her driver at the second tee and nonchalantly swung in the direction of the hole 160 yards away. Judge the surprise of the group when the ball flew straight for the pin, dropped in front of the green, and ran into the hole.

Soft ball—The 1928 soft-ball team bids fair to make an excellent showing in the Commercial league, which is composed of twenty-two large business houses in the city.

The team is as follows: Manager C. Hardiman; secretary, C. Preece and L. Moore, A. MacDonald, E. Dey, J. Graham, W. Powers, E. Flocton, H. Webb, L. Smith, F. Morris, M. Barr, E. Brown, L. Webb.

Only two league games have been played to date. But the improvement of the team between first and second game was about one hundred per cent.

Football—G. Travers, the club president, having resigned from the Company, R. J. Cooke has been elected to the chairmanship.

The first game took place at the Stadium on 30th April, and, due to pressure of anniversary sale business, found our boys

unprepared. Our opponents were "Swifts," last year's winners, and our team was defeated. Next game was against Purity Flour. We won 1-0. Againt Manitoba Bridge & Iron Works the team made a very creditable draw, no scoring. In this game every player put up a sterling exhibition. If the same form is maintained there is every chance that our footballers will win at least one cup this year.

Montreal Wholesale

W. R. BOYLE

We regret to announce the sudden death at Sherbrooke, Quebec, of W. R. Boyle, who was well known to a great many of the Company's employees.

Mr. Boyle entered the Company's services as buyer for the ready-to-wear department at Winnipeg early in the year 1911, after which he went to Toronto to start a business of his own, but owing to the outbreak of war in 1914 and the very unsatisfactory business conditions, gave up this business and re-entered the Company's employ as buyer of ready-to-wear at Edmonton in October, 1915.

In the winter 1916 he was transferred to take a more important position at Vancouver and came to Montreal as resident ready-to-wear buyer in the fall of 1923.

In October, 1926, he went to Calgary as buyer for ready-to-wear and millinery departments, resigning this in November, 1927, to go into business on his own account at Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Mr. Boyle paid a business visit to Montreal on Thursday, May 10, and appeared to be in the best of spirits. After his return home, he took ill, about two-thirty in the morning of May 11, and passed away. The funeral was held at Sherbrooke on Monday, May 14. Of a cheery disposition, he was held in the highest esteem by all with whom he came in contact and we are sure that all members of the Company's staff who were privileged to be associated with him extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Boyle and family in this very sudden loss of a loving husband and father.—*A. E. Dodman.*

Regina Wholesale

We are glad to welcome G. G. Powis to our branch as accountant.

E. F. Mapstone is being transferred to Calgary wholesale branch as accountant. We wish him every success in his new position.

Mrs. A. Sidler is leaving on the 23rd of May for a year's visit to Europe.

We are glad to note the recovery of our salesman O. Anderson, who recently underwent an operation.

We are glad to welcome G. W. Allan, K.C., T. Allan, and P. A. Chester, who spent a few days in Regina recently.

L. Hodgins is shortly leaving the Company's service to be married, and we wish her every happiness.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to our manager, A. Sidler, who will shortly be playing the role of bachelor for an indefinite period.

Calgary Wholesale

E. T. Marshall has joined the service as manager of our wholesale branch. Mr. Marshall was previously fourteen years with the G. McLean Company Limited, Winnipeg, Manitoba. We wish him success in his new undertaking.

Winnipeg

Land Department

Land Commissioner and Mrs. Harman returned to Winnipeg on 11th May, from their motor trip to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellingham have arrived back in Winnipeg from Europe, after a most enjoyable holiday.

Messrs. Hubbard, Morison and Browell, our land inspectors, have gone out to Alberta this year on the land selling end of our business.

Those people who get very discontented with the daily routine of life can always obtain consolation in the fact that there are others whose lot in life is much harder and who still contrive to keep cheerful. Here is an extract of a letter received by the land department which should make some of the young folks sit up:

"Received your letter a few days ago, but was too busy to answer. I am out on either disc or seeder every day, and when I come in at night I have to get supper and line up our meals for next day, look after twenty chicks and fifteen broody hens on eggs hatching. Besides, I put in a large garden, as I am a flower fiend.

"Mr. ——— my husband, has not farmed for six years, as he is nearly blind, but he milks cows and does stable work not too bad. Still it is rather hard on a woman who is sixty-seven years of age. We had a few hired men, but I had more bother with them than they are worth, and prefer to do the work myself."

—*B. A. Everitt.*

Land Department

W. SUDLOW SAWYER

W. Sudlow Sawyer, who died suddenly at his home at 12 Norfolk avenue, St. Vital, on the morning of April 1, was an old resident of the west, having come over the trail via St. Paul in 1881.

Later he engaged in ranching at Sheep Creek, near Okotoks, Alberta, giving the name to the latter place.

He returned to Manitoba and was at Plumas when the Boer war broke out. He joined the No. 1 Winnipeg troop of "A" squadron of the Strathcona Horse, serving with the rank of sergeant. He returned to Winnipeg when the Strathcona Horse was disbanded, and re-enlisted, this time in the second Canadian Mounted Rifles, serving as squadron quartermaster sergeant until peace was declared.

He was one of the original organizers of the Canadian South African Veterans' Association, of Winnipeg, and was a splendid type of soldier, deeply respected by his comrades.

He joined the staff of the Land Department of the Hudson's Bay Company at Winnipeg in 1916 as cashier.

The entire Winnipeg staff of the Hudson's Bay Company extend their sincerest sympathy with the surviving relatives.

Winnipeg General

THE LATE DR. JOHN MACLEAN

Readers of the *Beaver* would learn with feelings of regret of the passing of one of our regular contributors, Dr. John Maclean, of Winnipeg, who died suddenly at his home, 64 Walnut street, in the early morning of March 7, 1928, in his seventy-seventh year.

A public memorial service was held in St. Stephens-Broadway United Church, Winnipeg, on Saturday, March 10, when the church was filled to overflowing with his many friends who desired to pay a last tribute to him whose life had been one of modesty, unselfishness and of deep love for his fellow men.

Dr. John Maclean had a warm regard for our little magazine, the *Beaver*. "Travelling by the Wind," appears in this issue, and is the last we may have from his pen.

STANLEY LECKY

The sincerest sympathy of the entire staff of the Hudson's Bay Company is extended to Mr. W. S. Lecky, secretary of the Canadian Committee, Mrs. Lecky and family in their recent bereavement, the loss of their son, Stanley.

Long Service Medals and Bars

LIST OF RECIPIENTS JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 1928

Gold Medal

Peppett, W. J., Vancouver Retail

Gold Bars

Allan, Wm., Fur Trade Dept.
Beatton, F. W., Fur Trade Dept.
Clarke, A. P. W., Fur Trade Dept.
Flett, Alex., Fur Trade Dept.
Gordon, F., Fur Trade Dept.
Sutherland, J., Fur Trade Dept.
Udgaarden, H., Fur Trade Dept.

Silver Medals

Beatty, A. A., Fur Trade Dept.
Bland, H. F., Fur Trade Dept.
Cantley, James, Fur Trade Dept.
Cargill, W. R., Fur Trade Dept.
Coulter, David, Winnipeg Retail
Crump, George, Vancouver Retail
Cunningham, R. A., Winnipeg Retail
Herring, Wm., Calgary Retail
Kane, R., Winnipeg Wholesale
Knechtle, John, Vancouver Retail
Livingstone, J., Fur Trade Dept.
Lockey, George, Winnipeg Retail
May, Frederick G., Winnipeg Wholesale
McAuley, C., Fur Trade Dept.
McGibbon, J. C., Fur Trade Dept.
Nicholas, J. W., Fur Trade Dept.
O'Brien, J., Vancouver Retail
Petty, H. N., Fur Trade Dept.
Roberts, Geo. W., Vancouver Retail
Spiers, Andrew, Nelson Retail
Steel, Isabelle, Land Dept., Winnipeg
Stewart, S. J., Fur Trade Dept.
Townsend, W. E., Vancouver Retail
Vair, A. D., Calgary Retail
Vernon, W. G. Harcourt, Fur Trade Dept.
Watson, Jos. R., Winnipeg Wholesale
Watson, Monica, Land Dept., Winnipeg

Silver Bars

Atkin, J. C., Montreal Wholesale
Carson, W. J., Fur Trade Dept.
Cumming, S. J. C., Fur Trade Dept.
Elliott, Chas. W., Winnipeg Wholesale
Goodey, Peter L., Winnipeg Retail
Harman, H. F., Land Commissioner
Iserhoff, Samuel, Fur Trade Dept.
Larsen, Mike, Fur Trade Dept.
Melven, John, Fur Trade Dept.
Moore, T. C., Fur Trade Dept.
Neil, J. B., Fur Trade Dept.
Patmore, P., Fur Trade Dept.
Wain, Horace, Calgary Retail
Wapachee, John, Fur Trade Dept.
Wilmot, J. H. A., Fur Trade Dept.

Winnipeg General

SPORT

Tennis Club—A meeting of the organization committee was held on the evening of Monday, 9th April, 1928. Present: C. G. Bill, W. H. Cooke, B. H. Everitt, L. Joy, R. J. Cooke, A. E. Dent, H. B. Francis, W. S. Lecky.

W. H. Cooke took the chair, followed, on his retirement to another meeting, by W. S. Lecky. R. J. Cooke acted as secretary.

It was briefly explained that the Hudson's Bay Company are the owners of the property on which the tennis courts are situated; that the courts were built at the expense of the Company in 1920 for the benefit of the employees, neither rent nor taxes being charged to the club. In 1926 the Company erected a small pavilion and a new fence. The club was for the benefit of the employees, but if a sufficient number of employees did not desire to use the courts, the Company would prefer to lease them to outside parties who are not entitled to the free benefit of the expense which has been made on account of the employees.

The following honorary officers were elected: Patron, Charles V. Sale, Governor; honorary president, George W. Allan, K.C., Chairman Canadian Committee; honorary vice-presidents, Chief Factor C. H. French, Fur Trade Commissioner H. J. Harman, Land Commissioner, and W. H. Cooke, General Manager M., S. and N.A. stores.

The following officers and committee were elected: President, H. B. Francis; vice-president, Geo. H. Bowdler; secretary, R. J. Cooke; associate secretary, G. N. McBride. Match committee: F. R. Peirson (chairman), H. E. Dent, E. Watson. Ground committee: B. H. Everitt (chairman), C. G. Bill, W. Burke. House committee: L. Joy (chairman), C. M. Watts, J. H. Edmonds. Ladies' committee: Mrs. C. I. Dilnutt, Miss L. Kelly, Miss B. Cooke.

Annual dues of the club shall be: A, members, $5.00; B, privileged members, $5.00; C, associate members, $10.00.

A, Resident—A resident of Winnipeg may be allowed the playing privilege of the club on any day except Saturdays.

B, Non-resident **HBC**—The secretary shall issue non-resident cards for a period of two weeks to all officers and staff of the Hudson's Bay Company who may be visiting Winnipeg from outside points.

At the general meeting, 12th April, 1928, R. A. Cunningham in the chair, all officers and committees elected by organization committee were approved.

Those present heard with great satisfaction the kind offer contained in the following cable from the patron: Mr. Charles V. Sale, Governor of the Company in London, which had been received early in the afternoon:

"Governor will have much pleasure in accepting your invitation (to become patron) and will be glad to offer silver challenge cup to mixed doubles to be won outright only in event of same couple winning three consecutive years."

The grounds were opened for play 5th May, with three courts ready. There has been a steady stream of players since. The grass lawn will be a great improvement to the appearance of the court. The dressing room space in the old store will be greatly appreciated by the club members.

Mr. Price, of our engineering department, has erected practice boards, which will be a great help to some of our beginners.

The club has entered into A and B series in the Manitoba Lawn Tennis Association, and also expects to play matches with the other tennis clubs in the city. The committee is now arranging to have a get-together tennis members dance at the Canoe club in the near future.

The official opening of the club will be 2nd June, when a large turnout is looked for.—*R. J. Cooke.*

Song

Come and gather daisies
Summer's on the Land,
Life is like a bird's song,
Hear, and understand!
Words are heavy, earthbound,
Thoughts wing to the skies,
Are we still on earth, or
Right in Paradise?

Come and gather daisies
E'er the day's at noon,
Flowers close at even—
Shadows creep too soon.
Gather them in hundreds,
Faces to the skies,
Could you find a richer
Feast for mortal eyes?

Come and gather daisies;
You will never know
Half the joy of living
Till you see them grow.
What though fall and winter
Come with snow and rain,
Summer follows after—
Daisies bloom again!

—*Marcile.*

Hudson's Bay Company.

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To Our Fur Trade Patrons!

We appreciate the business and patronage you have given us during the season that has closed. We hope our dealings have been of so satisfactory a nature that we will have your continued confidence during the season 1928-29.

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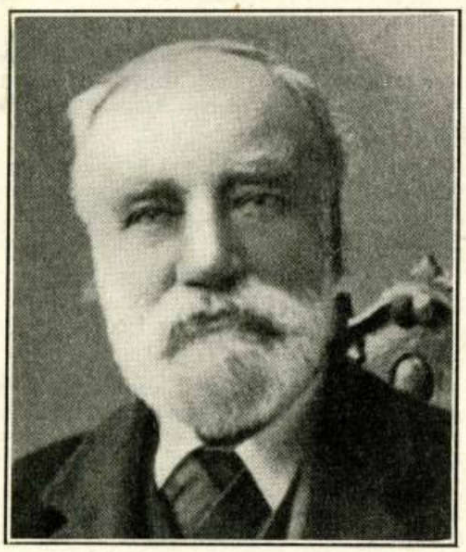
WINNIPEG, MAN.
EDMONTON, ALTA.
REGINA, SASK.
PORT ARTHUR, ONT.
VANCOUVER, B.C.
THE PAS, MAN.
SASKATOON, SASK.
NORTH BAY, ONT.
MONTREAL, QUE.

Or any of the Company's other Fur Trade Posts throughout Canada

Fur Trade



W. F. MACKAY

The belated news has just come to hand of the death of W. F. MacKay at Invergordon, Scotland, on 23rd September, 1926.

The late William Falconer MacKay left home a young man in his teens in 1865. He sailed to Canada on the Company's ship *Lady Head* from Stromness, Orkney. After a faithful and loyal service of thirty-two years to the Company, he returned to his native Scotland, where he engaged in business on his own account for many years more. He retired from active life in 1916. Like all old Hudson's Bay Company men, he retained the keenest interest in the affairs of the Company, as he also did in the welfare of his native town and district. Being widely read and having a retentive memory, his humorous stories and tales of adventure while serving with the Company were always appreciated. He was a regular reader of the *Beaver*, and greatly enjoyed the breezy news and stories of travel it recorded.

The late Mr. MacKay was awarded the Hudson's Bay Company's long service medal. His period of service included Little Whale River, Great Whale River, Eastmain, Rupert's House, Marten's Falls, Lac Seul, Albany, New Post, Metagama, and Moose Factory. It is a coincidence that the late W. F. MacKay returned to Scotland thirty-two years later on the same ship which had taken him out—the *Lady Head.—H. M. S. Cotter, Cumberland House.*

W. J. CARSON

The brief news which has just been received of the sudden passing of William James Carson, manager of St. John's, Newfoundland, has occasioned surprise and deepest regret to his many friends in Winnipeg.

Mr. Carson was a highly respected member of the fur trade staff and a silver medallist with two bars. He was born at Montreal on September 17, 1881, and entered the Company's service June 1, 1903. His record with the Company was as follows: Apprentice clerk at Rigolet, three years; clerk at posts on the Labrador, eleven years; accountant at St. John's, Newfoundland, six years; manager at St. John's, Newfoundland, five years.

British Columbia District

It is regretted that the comparatively new dwelling at Anahim post was totally destroyed by fire on 13th March, the fire occurring during the absence of the staff. A new building is about to be erected.

Wm. Ware, British Columbia district manager, is at present en route to Fort Grahame, and is making a trip of inspection to several of the northern trading posts.

Frank Bass, who has been in charge of Liard post since 1917, is retiring at his own request about the 31st May, his place being taken by A. F. Botsford.

P. Patmore was presented on 3rd May with a five-year bar to his silver long-service medal. The presentation was made by G. W. Allan, K.C., chairman of the Canadian committee.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Commissioner C. H. French on 24th, 27th and 28th April; also G. W. Allan, K.C., with his son, and P. A. Chester, on 3rd May.—*Wm. Ware.*

Mackenzie River-Athabasca Districts

March—Commissioner French spent a few days in Edmonton in the early part of the month discussing fur trade and transportation affairs.

H. N. Petty, transport accountant, having closed the annual accounts of his department, returned to Waterways on 12th March, prepared to wrestle with a few thousand tons of freight during the coming season.

Apprentice clerk H. G. Paris returned this month from a visit to Scotland and proceeded to Wabasca, his new station.

April—With the first signs of spring the transport department activities assume increased importance. Captain McLeod, Chief Engineer Chris. Ozol and Second Engineer Andy Grant early in the month

commenced preparing the S.S. *D. A. Thomas* for her work on the Peace river, and Captain E. B. Haight and Jules Van Humbeck left for Waterways to look over the M.B. *Canadusa*, while Miss J. Clark reported to the transport office at Waterways, where she will act as stenographer during the summer. The purser on the S.S. *D. A. Thomas* this year will be F. C. Jackson, erstwhile accountant at Peace River post.

A. M. McDermott, of Fort MacMurray post, spent a few days in town during the month.

R. J. Gourley, the new member of the Canadian Committee, honoured us with a visit on 24th April.

May—G. Herodier reported at Edmonton from leave of absence spent in France. He will proceed to the Mackenzie River district by first open water.

The first boat to take the water this season was the S.S. *D. A. Thomas*, launched on 4th May. She will commence operations by a trip to Fort Vermilion.

The S.S. *Athabasca River* is expected to commence her season's work about 17th May.

George W. Allan, chairman of the Canadian Committee, and P. A. Chester, chief accountant, spent a few days in Edmonton in the early part of May. While in Edmonton, Mr. Allan presented to John Melven a bar to his long service medal, denoting the completion of twenty years' service.—*Factor L. Romanet.*

Keewatin District

S. J. C. Cumming, district manager, returned in March after inspecting Keewatin district.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Clark, Norway House, are looking forward to a vacation in Scotland this summer.

At Nelson House, O. Rheaume reports an addition to his family, a son. Congratulations!

A. Mackintosh, Cross Lake, reports many visitors this winter from the survey camps in connection with the proposed power site at White Mud Falls.

At Split Lake, A. W. Anderson reports a general fur scarcity and keen competition.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davidson, at Oxford House, are now installed in the new bungalow built last summer, the first frame building erected at that post.

At God's Lake, Robert Walker greatly misses the society of the misses of Norway House.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Collins have settled down to routine at Island Lake post, after their vacation spent in British Columbia last summer.

W. H. Hutton, Setting Lake, has had a strenuous time lately, his post having been moved about one and one-half miles south to Wabowden.

At Gillam, G. S. M. Duddy has now got things shipshape, and is looking forward to a good spring and summer business at this new post.

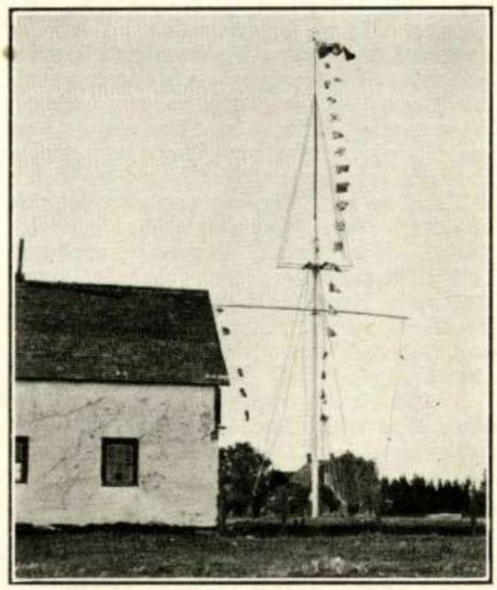
A. M. Chalmers, Fort Alexander, reports that his Indians have been very busy all winter alternating pulpwood cutting with fur trapping.

The following apprentices and clerks were all looking well and were making satisfactory progress: Wm. Gall at Norway House, A. D. Hutcheon at Nelson House, C. M. Gordon at Cross Lake, C. H. Angus at Split Lake, S. E. Blaxell at Oxford House, John Runcie at God's Lake, Muir Wallace at Island Lake, and also Andrew McKinley at Island Lake, James A. Ross at Fort Alexander and W. R. Henry at Amery outpost.—*S. J. C. Cumming.*

Saskatchewan District

CONFEDERATION DAY AT CUMBERLAND HOUSE

Our illustration is that of the flag display on Confederation Day at Cumberland House. This post was the first inland post from the Bay where the Union Jack was hoisted, and it signified the advance of the Hudson's Bay Company into the hinterland and the holding of this



Flagstaff, Cumberland House

part of the country for the Empire. The flag has been kept flying at Cumberland House ever since and on Confederation Day it was a satisfying sight to see the red ensign, the Company's house flag, and the international code of signals flying on so beautiful a day. The natives were highly interested in the display.—*H. M. S. Cotter.*

We welcome Mrs. M. Jewsbury, who has joined our staff at The Pas. Mrs. Jewsbury is in charge of our ladies' ready-to-wear department, which was open to the public on 28th April, 1928.

A. B. Cumming, district manager, visited The Pas, Prince Albert and Saskatoon on business. While in Saskatoon the district manager made arrangements for the leasing of the premises at 101-23rd street east, where the Saskatchewan district office will be located on and after June 1, 1928.

R. A. Talbot, manager at The Pas, made a short buying trip to the city.—*A. B. Cumming.*

Lake Superior-Lake Huron District

February—Postal mail service to Pine Ridge, Red Lake and Woman Lake is now carried by airplane from Hudson, Ontario.

March—Mr. Fletcher, from the chief accountant's office in Winnipeg, was a visitor to North Bay and discussed accounts generally with a view to acquiring a knowledge of the systems in use.

Commissioner C. H. French passed through North Bay this month on his way east. He interviewed Factor Bartleman at the station.

Cat Lake post now finds it more convenient to obtain mail via Woman Lake rather than by Hudson and Osnaburgh as in the past.

April—At North Bay on 26th April, 1928, the wife of Inspector J. W. Anderson of a son, "George," named after his grandfather on his mother's side, who was an old employee of the Company in James Bay district. George turned the scales at thirteen pounds, which speaks well for the Superior-Huron district.

R. G. Clake, who has been for the past two years at Minaki post, has been transferred to the charge of Allenwater post on the Canadian National Railway.

Inspector J. J. Barker is at present on a trip of inspection of line posts.

A new frame built dwelling house has been erected at Fort Hope this winter, and the post manager, Frank Seguin, declares it to be the best he has ever seen in the service.

Unfortunately the eastern climate does not agree with Frank Seguin, and he has had to come out in order to undergo an operation to have his tonsils removed.

Fort Hope is becoming quite a mining vicinity, one hundred and fifty tons of freight having been taken in this winter by horse team for a mining concern.

Inspector J. W. Anderson returned to North Bay on the 20th April, from Fort Hope, where he was engaged hastening the transportation of freight for Fort Hope and Lansdowne House posts, which is being done by horse teams from Tashota on the Canadian National Railway.

The coming summer promises to be a busy one for Hudson, Pine Ridge, Red Lake and Woman Lake, the last two mentioned places being active mining centres and Hudson and Pine Ridge the gateways.

R. U. Lamb, of Senneterre post, was married there on the 10th April to Miss Berassard of that town.

S. R. Thorpe, post manager, Temagami, visited North Bay on business in April. He looks forward to a busy tourist season at Temagami this summer.

At Lansdowne House in March, the wife of H. A. Halverson of twins.

In the presence of the North Bay district office staff all assembled 5th May, 1928, J. H. A. Wilmot, district accountant, was presented with a silver bar representing five years' additional services to the fifteen years previously enjoyed, for which he holds a silver medal. The bar was presented to Mr. Wilmot and suitably remarked upon by Factor J. Bartleman. Mr. Wilmot expressed his appreciation and thanks.—*Factor J. Bartleman.*

St. Lawrence-Labrador District

Apprentice Clerks H. G. Evans and H. T. F. Petterson, who arrived here at the end of January, were placed during February at Weymontachingue and Bersimis posts respectively.

Post managers who have visited the district office during the past three months were J. V. Turley, of Weymontachingue, and G. D. T. Pickering, of Oskelaneo.

P. A. Chester, chief accountant, was a visitor during the month of March, and E. W. Fletcher, of the Winnipeg head office staff, also spent about a week in the office during the same month.

Messrs. Peirson and Bonnycastle, also of the Winnipeg office, called at the office, the former in March and the latter in April, on the way to England.

H. G. Paris, of the Mackenzie River district, paid us a call when he returned from the Old Country, where he had been on furlough.

G. Herodier, of the Western Arctic district, also called in on his way to Edmonton, after having returned from his furlough in France.

V. Hall, consulting engineer from the London office, and Geoffrey Milling, of the development department, have been in St. John's for the past month in connection with various matters of the Company's business.

Messrs. McLure and MacKinnon, directors and managers of the fox farms, returned from the Company's London sale at the end of February and attended the first annual meeting of the McLure and MacKinnon Silver Fox Farms, Limited, which was held in Montreal. Reports from the farms this year are encouraging, and there is every indication that there will be a substantial increase in the number of foxes this spring again.

Sir Wilfred T. Grenfell was a visitor at the office recently while in Montreal lecturing.

It was learned recently that both the parsonage at Cartwright and the boarding school at Muddy Bay near there were destroyed by fire last winter. Nobody was hurt, but practically everything in the two buildings was destroyed. Arrangements are now under way to replace the buildings, and in the meantime the work of the school is being carried on as far as possible with the limited accommodation available.

The district manager visited Ottawa in March in order to meet the fur trade commissioner there.

H. Hodkisson visited Oskelaneo, Weymontachingue and Manowan posts recently.

The Newfoundland sealfishery is over for another year. The catch was rather poor.—*Chief Factor Ralph Parsons.*

CAPT. G. E. MACK

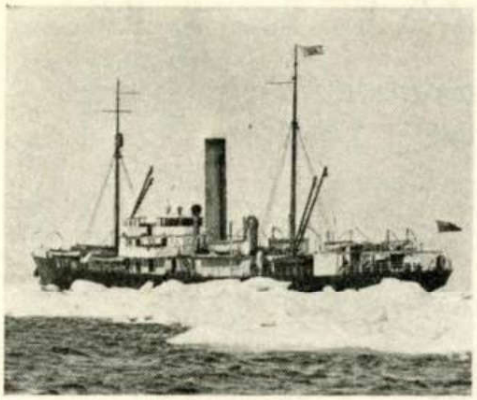
Capt. G. E. Mack was met by the district office staff at the close of business on the 9th April and was presented, on behalf of the district staff, with a silver tea service on the occasion of his retiring from the service to take up employment with the Dominion government in connection with the Hudson Bay railway development.

Captain G. E. Mack entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company in January 1910 as third officer on the *Pelican*. Later, he was promoted to the position of second officer on this ship. From February 1912 to October 1912 he was second officer on the *Nascopie;* October 1912 to January 1915, first officer on the *Pelican;* January 1915 to April 1915, master of the *Pelican;* May 1915 to October 1917, master of the *Nascopie;* October 1917 to January 1920, ice master and pilot of the *Nascopie;* January 1920 to May 1928, superintendent of Bay transport, Montreal.

While in command of the *Nascopie* during the war, Captain Mack did splendid service. In June 1917, shortly after leaving Archangel for Montreal, the *Nascopie* was attacked by a large enemy submarine. The fourth shot from the *Nascopie's* gun caused a great explosion on the submarine, which disappeared. Captain Mack and crew received the thanks of the Admiralty for this service, together with a bounty for the destruction of the submarine.

The following extract from the Senate of Canada *Hansard* for Wednesday, 25th April, 1928, page 363, gives an idea of the high opinion that is held of Captain Mack's capabilities as a seaman and a navigator:

"Hon. Mr. Casgrain: Well, he was an engineer to run the railway, and I think he is doing pretty well; but it was not at all necessary to bring the other gentleman. But if I do not approve of importing Mr. Palmer, I must say that I commend the Government highly for having secured the services of Captain Mack, who has been



S.S. Nascopie

for twenty years in charge of the navigation for the Hudson's Bay Company. I suppose this House is aware that during the war all the maritime transports of Great Britain were carried on by the Hudson's Bay Company, and Captain Mack was sent to Bergen in Norway to get the Prime Minister Protopopoff, who was with that rascal Rasputine trying to govern Russia so disastrously. Captain Mack was the one who was sent, and he took him to England. Later on he went again to pilot that notorious socialist, Albert Thomas, who is now at Geneva. He was sent from France in a ship, the *Champagne*, and when they got far up north Captain Mack piloted them for a while, towed them for some time, and brought them up to Archangel in the White Sea, and there landed them safely. The other day in my office, Captain Bernier told me that that was the very best choice the Government could have made in securing the services of Captain Mack, who has been navigating the Hudson Bay every year for nearly twenty years, to my knowledge."

London, England

At the time of writing, the Company has just concluded another fur sale in the new saleroom. Nearly four thousand lots were offered, and although some of the less important descriptions showed a decline, the principal articles, such as beaver and white fox, maintained firm prices.

After a rapid succession, first of hot sunny days and then of wintry winds and sleet, the weather seems to be likely to remain fine, and everyone is hoping that we are going to have a real summer to make up for last year's fiasco.

A certain amount of relief is felt by some of us that the suggested tax on furs did not come into being in Winston Churchill's latest budget. However, this is more than balanced in the opinion of some of our motorists in the fur trade department by the new fourpence a gallon tax on petrol.

April 21 was a gala night in London. Crowds of supporters from the north of England came down to see the football cup final (won by Blackburn Rovers), and till a late hour the streets in the west end were thronged with people mostly talking with a broad north-country accent.

Many important people were present at the unveiling in the Church of St. Ethelburga, Bishopsgate, of a window to the memory of Henry Hudson, the explorer, and presented by the Company. The Governor performed the ceremony, and representatives of the various departments were present. A fuller description will be found elsewhere in this issue.

On 26th March, members of the London staff were privileged to see a very interesting film of the Arctic shown by the Ven. A. L. Fleming, "Archdeacon of the Arctic."

Another lecture of great interest, this time illustrated by lantern slides, was given on 29th March by N. E. Beynes on "Holidays on the Continent." This was followed by an impromptu dance.

It is with much regret that we have had to say good-bye to Miss Sanders, who has been a popular and sympathetic head of the women's staff for some years. We wish her much happiness in her married life.

Best wishes to Miss Buckingham (whose keenness in such things as concert parties is well known) and to Miss Kyberd, who have also left us to be married.

Mr. Milling, of the development department, who has spent some weeks in London, has returned to St. Johns, N.F. Mr. Binney is at present in Scotland selecting apprentice clerks who will leave for Canada this summer.

Mr. Hopfenkopf has returned to London after a business trip to the continent. He visited Germany, Austria, Italy and France.

Miss Pegg, of the foreign department, whose contributions to the *Beaver* are known to all readers, is spending six months in Germany in order to improve her German.

A great mystery has been solved. Members of the fur warehouse office have been much perplexed by pronounced smells of cooking in their offices, which are some distance from anywhere likely to cause them. Now it has been discovered that they are wafted up through the pneumatic carrier tube which leads to the Deliveries Bank, about 140 feet away.—*J.D. J. Forbes.*

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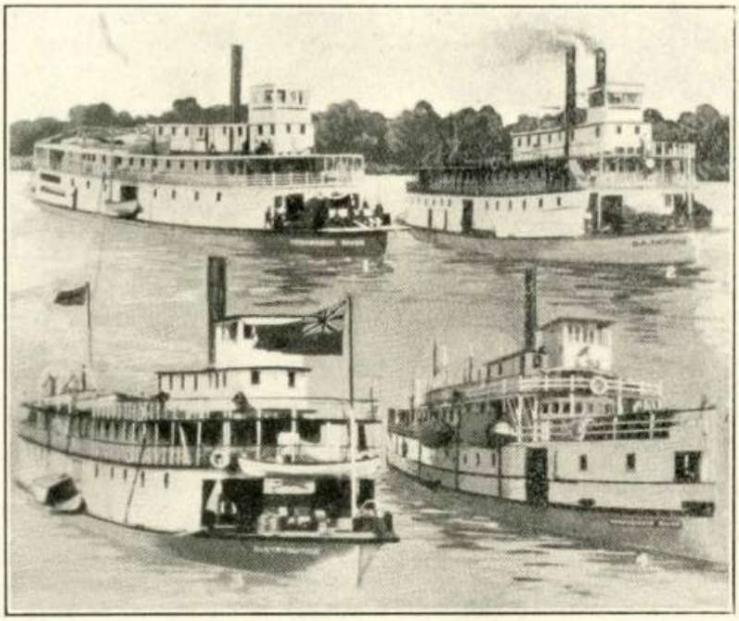

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